

W.P.N.S. - Minutes

June '88 - November '88

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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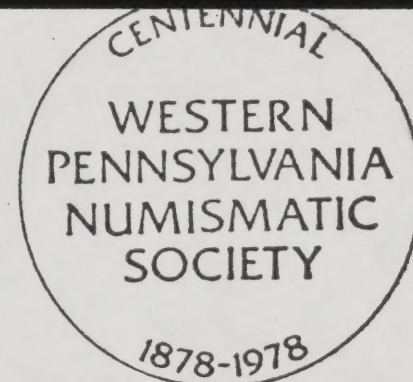
- 1. Across the Nation
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- 2. Coin World
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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, November 1, 1988
TIME: 6:30 P.M. Cocktails, Dinner at 7:30 P.M.
WHERE: Top of the Triangle Restaurant, U.S. Steel Building
Speaker: E. Maxine Bruhns, Building the Cathedral of Learning

This months newsletter has been mailed early to give everyone extra time to sign up for the November Social Meeting. Chairman Dick Buckley reports he already has 28 reservations. Dinner selections are large cut roast prime rib of beef and broiled swordfish.

The price is \$24.50 per plate including tax and tip. Check should be made out to W.P.N.S. and mailed to John Burns, 96 LaMont Drive, N. Huntingdon, Pa., 15642. Parking is available in the U.S. Steel Building basement garage.

Seventeen members and one guest attended the October meeting where Dick Buckley gave an excellent detailed talk on the Washington Before Boston Medal. Dick presented an impressive display of die varieties and restrikes.

*****MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*****

A vote was taken on the membership of Nevin B. Greninger and we welcome him as a new member of W.P.N.S. His knowledge and experience in British Commonwealth coins will certainly be an asset to the group.

Larry Dziubek reports that application for membership has been received from William L. Bailey.

*****ANA COMMITTEE*****

Ed Krivoniak reports that official approval has been gotten for John Mercanti to do the ANA Medal.

*****CURATORS REPORT*****

Dick Gaetano presented a detailed list (two file boxes) of materials and files pertaining to the history of W.P.N.S.

*****COIN SHOWS*****

October 23 Coin & Jewelry Show- Marriott Hotel, Greentree.
November 13 Antique/Collectable Show- Firehall, Castle Shannon, Pa.

Please address your reply to person signing letter.

PROGRAM

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded 1878

110th Anniversary Banquet

Top of the Triangle Restaurant
USX Tower
Pittsburgh, PA

November 1st, 1988
6:30 P.M.



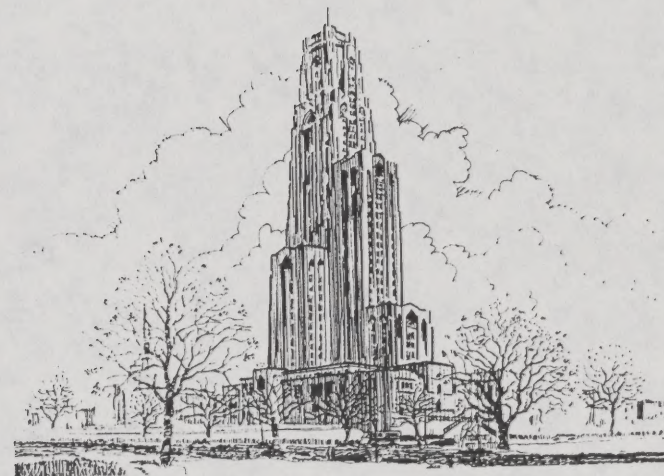
Armor Murdoch, President

Call to Order
Opening Remarks
Moment of Silence

Wayne Homren, Vice-President "WPNS Then and Now"

FEATURED SPEAKER

E. Maxine Bruhns, University of Pittsburgh
"Building the Cathedral of Learning"



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

110th Anniversary Banquet

The Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society celebrated its 110th anniversary with a banquet on November 1st, 1988. The Society was founded in 1878 and is one of the oldest numismatic organizations in the country. WPNS is Life Club member number 6 of the American Numismatic Association, and is a cosponsor of the upcoming 98th Anniversary Convention of the ANA, August 9-13, 1989, in Pittsburgh PA.

Society President Armor Murdoch opened the banquet held at the Top of the Triangle restaurant atop the USX Tower in downtown Pittsburgh. Vice-President Wayne Homren presented a short address to the members and guests present. The text of the presentation follows.

Tonight we celebrate the anniversary of our Society's founding in 1878. 110 years have passed since that day. The world is a greatly changed place. The Civil War was a recent event in the lifetimes of our founders. Just a year before, Pittsburgh's Union Station was burned to the ground in the bloody Railroad Riot of 1877. Thomas Edison's invention of the electric light did not occur until 1879.

One thing has remained unchanged in 110 years: numismatic fellowship among Society members. Magically transported from one century to the other, WPNS members would feel very much at home among their own, viewing and discussing coins as in every meeting since 1878.

Ten years ago this month, our Society met at this same place to celebrate our Centennial. But the mood was not festive. At that meeting, Past President W.W.Woodside announced a decision made by the directors of the Carnegie Museum of Natural History to sell its vast numismatic collections. These collections had been built up over the years with many hours of volunteer service by Woodside and other WPNS members.

The collection had ranked among the best in the nation, alongside the holdings of the American Numismatic Society in New York, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. The announcement stunned the Pittsburgh numismatic community, and ignited debate nationwide.

Much has happened in the decade since that decision was announced. Public outcry over the decision led to a court hearing and out-of-court settlement wherein parts of the collection were saved, and the remainder sold. One part of the collection retained was a very important group of early American cents formed by WPNS founder George Clapp.

An unforeseen, but fortunate side effect of the controversy was a sharp increase in WPNS membership and participation. Added to our rolls between 1978 and '81 were a dozen new members, eight of whom have made regular and important contributions since joining. In order, they are: Dick Gaetano, myself, Larry Korchnak, Ray Rennick, Roy Van Ormer, Dick Buckley, Don Carlucci, and Rodger Hershey.

Since 1981 we have added to our ranks: John Burns, Pat McBride, Jerry Porter, Giff Kelly, Al Stricker,

Ted Shiff, Eileen Kelly, Harry Colborn, and Nevin Greninger.

In all, some twenty numismatists have been admitted to our membership since 1978. WPNS could not have survived 110 years without this constant addition of new members.

In 1986, it was announced that Pittsburgh had been selected as the site of the 1989 convention of the American Numismatic Association. WPNS is a co-sponsor of the convention, and several of our members are hard at work preparing to host the annual gathering of collectors from across the nation. Preparations are also underway to display parts of Carnegie Museum's numismatic holdings. A highlight of the exhibit will be Clapp's copper collection. Such a display would have been unthinkable in 1978; in just ten years, we've come full circle.

We can all be very proud to be part of an organization which has weathered the ups and downs of 110 years of history. Through times of war and peace, through times of depression and prosperity, the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society has not only survived, but grown stronger with experience. Let us drink a toast to our next 110 years.

Quo Vadis

The members of Quo Vadis, the organization of student volunteer guides for the Nationality Rooms, are trained in the history of the rooms and in the cultures of the countries they represent. Members interpret for visitors the concepts symbolized in the rooms, while sharing the excitement of helping others discover the riches of the ethnic backgrounds portrayed.

Visitor Information and Gift Center

Located near the Commons Room, the Visitor Information Center (158 C.L.) is normally open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for your convenience and orientation. Telephone 624-6000 for tour details.

The **NATIONALITY ROOMS GIFT CENTER**, located in this area, carries hand-crafted items from more than 30 countries. Souvenir postcards, brochures, books, slides, and campus maps may also be purchased at the Gift Center.

Tours

Guided tours of the Nationality Rooms are usually available during the following hours by reservation. No reservation is required for taped tours.

Monday through Friday	9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Saturday	9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Sunday	11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Nominal educational fees (adults: \$1; senior citizens and children over eight: 50¢) are requested from April through August and during December when student volunteers are not on campus.

It is recommended that reservations be made at least two weeks in advance. For tour information, please phone (412) 624-6000, or write to Visitor Information, 158 C.L., University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

University of Pittsburgh NATIONALITY CLASSROOMS



THE NATIONALITY CLASSROOMS

Unique in the world, the Nationality Classrooms are gifts to the University of Pittsburgh from the ethnic groups of Allegheny County. These rooms, which combine antique and specially created furnishings, encircle the Gothic Commons Room on the first floor of the Cathedral of Learning. Authentic examples of Classical, Byzantine, Romanesque, Renaissance, Tudor, and Empire styles, as well as peasant architectural designs, recreate outstanding periods from a time prior to the founding of the United States and the University in 1787. The committees spared no expense of time, effort, artistic talent, craftsmanship, or materials in the building of the 21 Nationality Rooms, designed by artists and architects from the nations represented.

Used daily for teaching in the arts and sciences, the rooms directly contribute to a deeper appreciation and understanding of ethnic cultural heritages. This experience is enjoyed not only by the students and faculty, but also by the thousands of visitors from around the world who view the classrooms every year.

During the month of December, the rooms are decorated in authentic Christmas styles, with most of the ornamental objects made by hand in traditional fashion.

As ethnic heritages continue to play an important role in the lives of many people in Pittsburgh, the Nationality Rooms and Intercultural Exchange Programs also continue to expand and to include many other members of the community. Therefore, some additional Nationality Rooms are planned for the future.

The Committees

As the classrooms were completed, the Nationality Committees initiated further programs to instill the values of their cultural traditions into the University and the Pittsburgh community. These programs include providing scholarships to enable students and faculty to study abroad; sponsoring lectures, exhibits, concerts, and seminars in ethnic studies at the University; receiving and providing hospitality for distinguished visitors from abroad; and assisting the library in acquiring collections of books concerning their areas of the world.

In these ways, the intercultural exchange activities of the committees reflect the commitment of the University to the international dimensions of education and human relations.

The Nationality Classrooms

Armenian Classroom (to be completed 1987)
Chinese Classroom (completed 1939)
Czechoslovak Classroom (completed 1939)
English Classroom (completed 1952)
French Classroom (completed 1943)
German Classroom (completed 1938)
Greek Classroom (completed 1941)
Hungarian Classroom (completed 1939)
Irish Classroom (completed 1957)
Israel Heritage Classroom (to be completed 1987)
Italian Classroom (completed 1949)
Lithuanian Classroom (completed 1940)
Norwegian Classroom (completed 1948)
Polish Classroom (completed 1940)
Romanian Classroom (completed 1943)
Russian Classroom (completed 1938)
Scottish Classroom (completed 1938)
Swedish Classroom (completed 1938)
Syria-Lebanon Room (completed 1941)
Yugoslav Classroom (completed 1939)
Early American Room (completed 1938)
(depicts a colonial home in the 1600s)



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 14, 1878

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Minutes of the Social Meeting of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society held on November 1, 1988, in commemoration of the 110th "Birthday" of the Society.

The meeting was called to order by President Armor Murdoch, who made a few opening remarks of Welcome to the forty-eight members and guests in attendance.

A motion was made and passed to suspend the reading of the minutes of the October, 1988 meeting.

Attendees were asked to indicate, by a show of hands, whether they had attended the 100th Anniversary meeting, ten years ago at the same location. (Top of the Towers restaurant in the USX Building). About fourteen persons were repeaters.

New Member ^NKevin Greinger was presented with his official membership Certificate.

~~Invocation was spoken by Glenn Mooney, and a motion was made to adjourn.~~

We observed a moment of silent prayer in remembrance of our departed members, specifically mentioning Gifford Kelly and Dr. James Sloss, both of whom passed away within the last year.

Invocation was spoken by Glenn Mooney. ^Aand a motion was made to adjourn the meeting and proceed with the program.

Wayne Hornen, in his remarks "Then and Now" introduced the Speaker, Ms. E. Maxine Bruhns of the University of Pittsburgh. ^{GATH EDSAL}
whose subject was "The Building of the Cathedral of Learning".
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(Armor M. Murdoch)



SOCIAL MEETING
TOP OF THE TRIANGLE
USX Tower, PCM, A.
Nov. 1, 1988





10-8-88

Gerry.

This month, please send a copy
of the newsletter to Larry Bassett.
He wants to attend the banquet. Also,
be sure to bring in a copy of
the Bylaws and Constitution for
Nevin Graninger.

Thanks,
Wayne

PS: Hope you're ~~but~~ feeling better!

LARRY BASSETT
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Wayne K. Homren
Vice President,
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
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October 6, 1988

Mr. Nevin Greninger
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Dear Nevin:

I am pleased to inform you that the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society has accepted you into membership. As you know, we meet on the first Tuesday of each month. You should receive the monthly newsletter a few days before each meeting. Dues are \$5.00 per year, payable to the Treasurer in June.

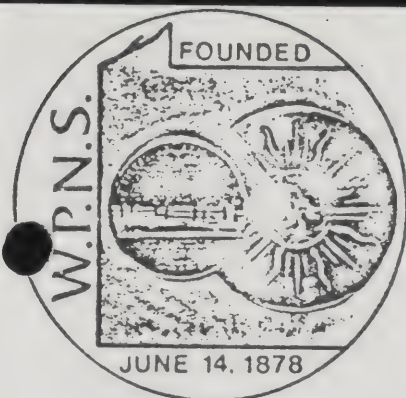
Please verify that your name and address are correct; this address will be used to mail your monthly newsletter. Also, please let me know your home and office phone numbers. Should a meeting be moved or cancelled for any reason, we will attempt to contact all local members by phone. This information will be available only to the officers of the club.

We look forward to sharing your numismatic knowledge and fellowship at our upcoming meetings. Welcome aboard!

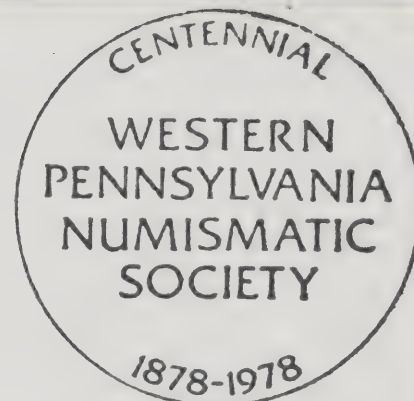
Sincerely,



Wayne K. Homren
Vice President



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, October 4, 1988
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts at 8:15 P.M.
WHERE: Offices of Carnegie Group Inc.
Five PPG Place, Third Avenue and Market Street.
PROGRAM: The Washington Before Boston Medal by Dick Buckley.
(October '88 and April '89 programs have been switched)

The September meeting was a picnic at Armor Murdoch's cottage, Derry, Pa. in conjunction with the Greensburg Coin Show. Ten members and three guests were in attendance and a good time was had by all.

The dinner featured ham with raisin sauce, potato salad, baked beans, etc. Dessert featured a cake lettered in commemoration of the 110th anniversary of WPNS. Chuck Erb's wife provided us with delicious Greek Bakhlava (Spelling?).

*****MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*****

The membership committee has advised that the membership of Nevin Greminger will be voted on at this meeting.

*****ANA Planning Committee*****

Ed Krivoniak advised there was a planning committee meeting at his house September 18, and I talked to Sam Deep regarding this meeting and he advised that we await the OK from the treasury department for John Mercante to design the ANA medal.

*****The Numismatist*****

The September issue of the Numismatist has an article mentioning the WPNS publication, Numismatic Survey of Allegheny County: Special Groups, Encased Items and advises cost and ordering details.

*****Coin Shows*****

- Oct. 1-2 Coin and Baseball Show, Radisson Hotel, Monroeville, Pa.
- Oct. 2 Holiday Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Belle Vernon, Pa.
- Oct. 8-9 23rd Annual Coin Show, Century Plaza Inn, W. Mifflin, Pa.
- Oct. 16 Chartiers Valley Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Oakdale, Pa., (Rt. 22 & 30)

Minutes - WPN S Meeting Oct 4, 1988

— The meeting was called to order @ 8:15 PM by Pres. Murdoch - There were no minutes to be read from the Sept picnic meeting. Secretary read August meeting minutes

— Treasurers report - John Burns gave the balance for Aug. - ~~2790.19~~ - 2590.52
Sept - - 2532.12

— Membership Committee - Larry Dignelch proposed a vote on Nevin Greninger - Ted Shiff submitted sponsorship letter read by Larry D. Main areas of interest are British Commonwealth, Australia, Mexico etc.

He currently is working on a text of Coins of the British Isles 125 BC to Date. A unanimous vote for membership was taken - (Notice to be sent) *

— Program Committee - Dick Buckley - Gave check to Top of Triangle - Selections Fiddlers Union - Boiled Swordfish To be held Nov 10th. Price is \$24.50 Tax included

— Publications chairman ^{Ray Bannick} ~~Dick Buckley~~ will bring information on Allegheny County (Pgh Barker) for publishing.

— ANA Committee - Ed Krivonozak - Guidelines discussed.

Sam Depp suggested advertising sheet (Restaurants etc.)

Approval has been gotten for Mercanti to do the medal

Ruth Ann Bertell will be at next meeting.

— Curator - Dick Gaetano - Presented report of what is in storage WPN S - (2 File Boxes with detailed list.)

Membership Committee - again Larry D. reports
Application for membership received from Wm. Bailey.

Deferred Business - None

New Business -

- Reservations for ~~last~~ Banquet
- Private room with view
- Parking in basement
- Newsletter must go out early.

* Harry Colborn presented gavel to Armor -

Program - Washington before Boston - by Dick Buckley
Dick passed out a detailed tract on the subject
& expounded on it proficiently -

Exhibits Harry Colborn - Poster (Covers + Merina) Flowing Hair Chain
" " - Prince Edward Is. Coins + Medals Cent.
" " - W.P. Hist Soc. ^{Paper} Schenley Medal

John Burns - WW Woodside Pgt 1973 Token

- Ray Byrne Token
- Brass - P.A.N. Medal -
- So called Half Dollar -
- Mint Medal - 1854 Pa. Horticult. Soc.
- Officers Club Tokens
- Siege Piece - 1590
- Shanghai Silver Bar.
- Spoons - Made of corn silver.
- Pictures of Armand Chompos library

- Don Carlucci - John Mercante rendering - ANA medal
(200TH Anniv. of D. Wash. inauguration)
- Larry Bassett - Civil War Token
- " - Armor Plate Token - Merrimac
- Jerry Bortin - 2 Bridmore Books
- " " - Cigarette Papers
- Ed K - ~~Auction Catalogs~~
- Latin American Publications
- New Zealand Book
- Larry K - Book on Siege coins of Span. Amer.
- John Nelson - Button Works, Ice Picks, Cigarbox openers.
(With advertising)
- Wayne Hornen - Books - Reprint, Medallion Portraits of Wash.
- " " " - Eagle is forgotten - Botwin + Merina.
- " " " - Coin Dictionary (at U.S. collector of coins)
- Rich Crosby - Several civil war Tokens.
- " - White Metal Piece
- " - Various Ohio Tokens.
- " - Medal - St. Louis World's Fair.
- " - Merchant Tokens.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:00 PM

Motion - Larry Korchorah

Second - John Burns

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

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REGISTER OF OCT 4, 1988 MEETING

MEMBERS

Jerry Porter

John H. Burns

Garry Gribeli

Dick Buckley

Deer Lactans

John Nelson

Don Carucci

May Kennick

Sam. L. H.

Richard Henry

William W. Ballou

Harry A. Carbone
E. J. Carbone

(Edward H. Brownish
George H. Weston)

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William L. Lunt

Wayne K. Hornum

GUESTS

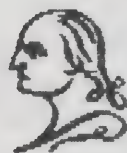
Larry Bassett

WASHINGTON

BEFORE

BOSTON

One More Time



A Paper Presented to the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

October 4, 1988

R. F. Buckley

THE WASHINGTON BEFORE BOSTON MEDAL - ONE MORE TIME

No doubt all in attendance tonight are familiar to some extent with the famous Washington Before Boston medal. It has been the exclusive subject of no fewer than three well-known monographs as well as several descriptive articles in important auction catalogs, listings and other numismatic writings. Such attention for the medal is surely well deserved when one considers the significance of the beautifully crafted piece. Why then, you might ask, should we meet to further discuss the medal?

To start with, several years have passed since the latest of the three monographs was published, and people who are not primarily Washingtonia collectors have probably forgotten the interesting stories relating to the origins of the medal and the events which gave rise to its issue. Also, the opportunity to see several of the early die varieties, including a bronze original, in one place almost never arises, and is reason enough for a celebration of the cause.

The major monographs mentioned above include, of course, that written by George Fuld and published in the December 1966 issue of the TAMS Journal, the fine and exhaustive presentation prepared by Pittsburgh's own Glenn Mooney and delivered to the membership of Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society in February, 1976, and the text of a speech prepared by Joe Levine and presented to the TAMS Symposium at the 1982 ANA Convention and later published in the August 1983 issue of the TAMS Journal. I am sure that several of the members in attendance tonight were present when Glenn Mooney made his presentation to WPNS in this nation's bicentennial year. I wish to acknowledge the work of these three authors as well as a few others cited later for much of the information presented herein. There will be precious little new and previously unknown material included in this article.

How significant, you might ask, is the Washington Before Boston medal? Well, George Fuld described it as, "Undoubtedly the most famous and most important Washington medal." Glenn Mooney has told me privately that he considers his collection of die varieties the most personally satisfying achievement of his numismatic career. Joe Levine, in his previously cited work, called it, "Perhaps the most well-known and studied United States medal." When describing my piece on display tonight as lot # 293 of the Paul Magriel collection, Levine commented, "This is one of the most historic of all American medals and demands a spot in the cabinet of every serious collector." Bowers and Merena, in their catalogue of the David W. Dreyfuss collection on April 12, 1986, state that "the Washington Before Boston original...has always been a prize for the collector of early American medals and the aficionado of American military history." I can personally say that acquiring the limited number of early die varieties that I now own has given me as great a thrill as anything that I have ever accomplished in numismatics.

You might wonder why this medal gives rise to such excitement among those of us who have taken up the chase. The answer is many-faceted. In the first place, the collection of Washingtonia in general generates a fanaticism which is numismatically unique. Washingtonia, along with a few other series such as choice colonial coins and tokens, early coppers of the U.S. Mint, flowing hair type coins, and some others to a lesser degree, are considered to comprise the classic series of American numismatics, and the rarest issues in these series have always been in great demand among serious enthusiasts. In fact at its height during the 1860's, Washingtonia was the most avidly sought after series in the United States, far surpassing silver dollars and large cents in popularity and demand. Through the years, while other series have waned and boomed, the demand for rare and beautiful early Washington pieces has never flagged. Of course, due to the number of national bicentennial celebrations occurring in this and the previous decade, interest in the series has been rekindled and is stronger than ever before.

There are other and far more compelling reasons for the satisfaction associated with the acquisition of a rare Washington piece, but they are much more difficult to explain to those of you who are heathen and members of the unwashed masses (non-Washingtonia collectors). As one finds and studies these little metallic discs struck to honor our original super hero, one gradually becomes more and more aware of his greatness and the reasons for it. One learns lessons that were never taught in school, and sooner or later every collector, no matter how hard and cynical, becomes immersed in Washington's incredible goodness and quality. To acquire a superbly sculpted likeness becomes a goal. To actually hold a piece that was struck from the same dies used to strike the original gold medal officially presented to him, one of only a dozen or so such pieces, surely becomes the thrill of victory! To miss such an opportunity becomes the agony of defeat! An original Washington Before Boston medal struck in bronze is the achievement of the quintessential for me and many others like me.

Let's briefly consider the event which is commemorated by the medal. Following the Stamp Act of 1765, colonists in America became greatly enraged at Britain, the mother country, for what they rightly perceived as "taxation without representation." The pioneers took gradually stronger exception to these policies, culminating in the famous "Boston Tea Party" early in 1774. The king decided that this affront, merely the most recent of several such rebellious acts, must be met with a punishing show of strength to discourage such unpatriotic behavior once and for all. Accordingly, he ordered the port of Boston to be closed and blockaded, and this was accomplished. The colonists, already undergoing serious hardship as a result of the ill-advised economic policies of the mother country, refused to accept this additional unbearable burden and decided to take action.

In September, 1774, the First Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to consider what measures should be taken against the government of the king. George Washington was the young delegate to that convention from Virginia. He offered, at his own expense, to raise and lead an army of a thousand men on an excursion to free the port of Boston. He had previously held military command experience as a lieutenant colonel in the French and Indian War and along the frontiers of his home colony Virginia. A typically timid and indecisive congress took no action before adjourning.

Subsequent aggressive events occurred at other sites in the colonies culminating in a meeting of the Second Continental Congress in May, 1775. By now the American pioneers had been pushed beyond the limits of their patience, and in June they appointed George Washington as Commander in Chief of their newly formed army. While en route to Boston to assume his new command, the British troops attacked the outnumbered and poorly equipped American soldiers and defeated them roundly at the famous Battle of Bunker Hill. The remnants of a leaderless, disorganized and demoralized army retreated to about where the circumferential beltway, Route 128, lies today to wait unenthusiastically for their new commander. With a great deal more anticipation they awaited the day when they could disband and go home with their tails between their legs.

It was into this gloomy atmosphere that Washington arrived on July 3, 1776, to take charge of his new army. Somehow, through one of his many military miracles, he breathed new life into this ragtag group, replacing men in key positions and restoring dignity and morale. He positioned elements of his troops and weapons on Dorchester Heights overlooking Boston Harbor and laid siege to the city. Due to strategic deployment of cannons and men, the British found themselves cut off from supplies and replacements either by land or by sea. The siege lasted over eight months. On March 17, 1776, General Howe and the British troops were forced to leave the city and set sail for the still loyal colony of Nova Scotia.

Of course, this was only the beginning. Nobody then could have even guessed at the struggles and hardships which were to be overcome by their long-suffering young army and its historic and gallant leader before victory, independence and freedom from tyranny were to be achieved. But even the often dull and slow-acting Continental Congress realized that history was in the making, because on March 25, 1776, they met and resolved, "That the thanks of this Congress, in their own name, and in the name of the Thirteen United Colonies whom they represent, be presented to his Excellency General Washington, and the Officers and Soldiers under his command, for their wise and spirited conduct in the siege and acquisition of Boston; and that a Medal of gold be struck in commemoration of this great event, and presented to his Excellency; and that a committee of three shall be appointed to prepare a letter of thanks, and a proper device for the medal." (1).

So the very first official medal ever authorized by the government of the United States, our federal Congress, for presentation to an honored citizen came into being. In fact, amazingly, it is the only medal ever conferred by this nation on its greatest patriot and hero! And there was nothing routine about the manufacture and delivery of this medal. Many years would pass and many medals delivered to much lesser lights before the authorization would bear fruit. In fact, it was ten to thirteen years later (the exact date of the presentation is not established with certainty), when it was struck in gold and given to the great man. By that time he had long since resigned his commission and returned to his home in Mount Vernon to what he mistakenly expected to be a career as a gentleman farmer.

John Hancock, President of the Congress, informed Washington in a letter dated April 2, 1776, that he was to be honored, saying, "The Congress have ordered a golden medal, adapted to the occasion, to be struck, and, when finished, to be presented to you." (2).

John Adams, a member of the aforementioned Congressional committee of three, also wrote to Washington on the same day, April 2, saying, "I did myself the honor to move for the thanks of Congress to Your Excellency, and that a medal of gold should be struck in honor of it...I should be very happy to have Your Excellency's sentiments concerning a proper one [device for the medal]." (3).

On April 15 Washington posted a note to Adams, saying, "I am impressed with the deepest gratitude for the high honour intended me by Congress. Whatever devices may be determined upon by the respectable committee they have chosen for that purpose, will be highly agreeable to me." (4).

From that point on, the history of the progress of the medal reads like a comedy of errors. The events are fully chronicled by prior authors who have been cited, so I will offer a brief outline of what happened.

The war dragged on for some time, and then there was the business of declaring our independence and negotiating a lasting peace, so the Congressional committee concerned itself with other more pressing matters for several years. When interest in the medal again arose, it was decided that, for lack of proper minting facilities in the United States, the necessary dies should be made and the medal struck at the mint in Paris which was world famous for the quality and beauty of the pieces produced by their sculptors. It was then determined that no suitable bust of Washington was available in Europe, and since the sculptors had never seen the great man, they had no model from which to work. This problem was made glaringly evident when in 1778 Voltaire commissioned a medal to be struck in Paris to honor Washington and, with only their imagination to guide them, the final product resembled Napoleon far more than our great patriot.

Eventually, the noted French sculptor, Jean Antoine Houdon, visited Washington at his home in Mount Vernon in the fall of 1785 and crafted a cast from the face of Washington. He then sculpted a bust using the life mask as a model and returned with it to Paris. Houdon, of course, is the artist who created the famous statue of Washington now on display in the rotunda of the Capitol Building in Richmond, Virginia. It is said to be the finest likeness of the General and has been the model for many of the most important medals and portraits of Washington.

In any case, arrangements were made by, among others, Thomas Jefferson, with the French medallist sculptor, Duvivier, to use the Houdon bust as a model and prepare a set of dies suitable for the occasion. The reverse die devices had been proposed previously by the French Royal Academy of Inscriptions and Belles-Lettres, and finally the work was underway.

Problems continued. Thomas Jefferson was unhappy with the executed obverse design because it featured an exergue line, and because the sculptor used U's in the legends rather than the classic Roman V's. Incredibly, the date in Roman numerals on the original reverse die was cut as MCCLXXVI, (1276), rather than the correct MDCCLXXVI (1776). The "D" had been omitted in error. Duvivier was coerced into preparing new corrected dies. Eventually, the original medals were struck from these dies.

A single gold specimen was struck from these dies and presented to General Washington at some time between 1786 and 1789. Unbelievably, there is no documentation of exactly when, how or by whom the presentation was made. The medal was not heard from again until after Washington's death in 1799, when it was mentioned in his will and found in his "Iron Chest." It passed to his nephew, Bushrod Washington (5). The medal remained in the Washington family, passing from descendent to descendent until 1870 when it appeared as lot #1404 of a numismatic auction by the firm of Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., where it received no bid over the reserve price of \$4000. (6). In 1876, the city of Boston purchased the gold medal from Mrs. Ann Bull Washington for a reported \$5000. (7). It resides at the Boston Public Library which also houses Washington's personal library, and every year on February 22 the medal is put on display for the public.

Four or five specimens struck from these original dies in silver are reported (8), but only two can be presently confirmed, the Mass. Historical Society and the Fuld specimen (9). Fuld reports "probably 5 or 6" original strikings in bronze, with only the Fuld and Norweb pieces presently located (11). Levine suggests that as many as ten or twelve may exist.

Now let's describe the medals in general and consider a few of the die varieties in particular. The medal is 2 11/16" (78 mm) in diameter. The obverse device is a bare bust of Washington right, fashioned after the Houdon bust. The legend starts near the point of the curl and reads clockwise near the circumference in Latin, GEORGIO WASHINGTON SUPREMO DVCI EXERCITVVM ADSORATORI LIBERTATIS, which translates more or less to "To George Washington Supreme Commander of the Armies and Establisher of Liberty." Below the bust in the exergue are the words COMITIA AMERICANA which in English means "American Committee," and refers to the fact that this and seven other medals issued (and incidentally delivered) to other commanders between 1777 and 1781 were officially authorized by the Continental Congress. In small letters to the left and below the truncation of the bust in two lines, is DU VIVIER PARIS F. This identifies the sculptor and the fact that the dies and medals were originally prepared at the Paris mint.

The reverse die depicts Washington and a group of his officers on horseback atop the Dorchester Heights overlooking the city and harbor of Boston. They are observing the flight of the British troops leaving the harbor aboard ships which are seen in the background. Also atop the Heights are a pair of cannons and a group of cannon balls. Lower and to the right is part of a fort with two more cannons. At the foot of the Heights are American troops in formation. Above the scene on the circumference is the legend HOSTIBUS PRIMO FUGATIS ("The Enemy Is First Put to Flight"). In the exergue on three lines is the inscription, "BOSTONIUM RECUPERATUM XVII MARTII MDCCLXXVI ("Boston Recovered March 17 1776"). On one of the cannons in the foreground is the artist's mark, DU VIV.

Mooney identified and described twenty-four different varieties struck over the years in several sizes. Some were minted in Paris from various sets of dies. Others were struck at the U.S. mint in Philadelphia from completely different dies. Several of the earliest dies suffered serious damage during usage, and that accounts for the rarity of many of the earliest varieties. Others were repaired or retouched from time to time during their life, and they are describable by die states. A few new varieties have been struck since Mooney's article, and surely there are one or two that escaped his notice. As a matter of fact, the petty squabbles between the nations, France and the U.S., over the years as to who should own the dies and who should and should not be authorized to strike and sell the resultant medals to the public make very interesting and amusing stories and could be the topic of another future presentation.

The first specimen to be considered tonight is, appropriately, the original die marriage, struck in copper. The distinguishing characteristics of this variety are easily recognizable. They all appear on the reverse die. Note the periods after both Roman numerals in the exergue. They do not appear on all varieties. Also, note that the outer circles of the O's in HOSTIBUS and PRIMO are almost perfectly round. All others feature pronounced oval shapes for these letters. Next, see that the second I in MARTII lines up directly under the second R in RECUPERATUM. This alignment varies from die to die. Finally, observe that four hooves appear under the belly of Washington's steed. This feature is not, however, unique to this die. Some dies show three hooves and some show four. Previous writers have sufficiently pointed out the folly of using this criteria as the sole basis for attribution. Some of the most common varieties as well as some of the rarest feature four hooves. I should also mention that the rich chocolate color is distinctive of the early varieties, although in order to appreciate the differences in hues from variety to variety, one must have some knowledge of the histories of the mints involved and their use of bronze alloys through the years. One other point is that the original issues and the first restrikes are the only pieces struck at the Paris mint to have no edge markings. All others feature the distinctive edge markings of this mint as well as the identification of the metal in which they were struck; i.e., ARGENT, CUIVRE or BRONZE. The U.S. mint used no such edge markings to differentiate their restrikes.

Briefly, once again, the thing that makes this variety so significant is that it is one of the rare pieces that was struck by the same dies as the gold specimen actually presented to General Washington. Perhaps as many as twenty medals in all metals, including the gold, were struck before the large dies broke severely making them totally unusable. Signs of die wear are evident on my specimen. Gouges appear on the obverse die, and there is evidence of die buckling in the field of the reverse. Until fairly recent times, dies prepared to strike large medals in hard metals have always been subject to fatal failures considerably more often than those used to strike small pieces or specimens in lead, pewter or other white metal alloys. This characteristic accounts for the extreme rarity of the early Washington Before Boston die varieties as well as some other similar 18th and 19th century medals.

Although this piece was sold as part of the famed Paul Magriel collection, Magriel actually never owned this or any original Washington Before Boston medal. Joe Levine personally owned this piece. At one time he had two original specimens, having acquired them from George Fuld. Levine said that he offered this piece in the Magriel catalog in order to help raise funds to finance his daughter's college education. My piece may play a similar role when my son is ready for his educational fine tuning, but meanwhile it brings me great satisfaction to own this historic medal.

The next piece is extremely interesting. Fuld and Mooney called it the first restrike. Levine's article described a piece found by John Ford unknown to the two previous authors which combined the original obverse in later state with the previously mentioned reverse die featuring the error date in Roman numerals (1276). (11). Probably this variety should be inserted as the first restrike rather than Fuld and Mooney's type, but to avoid confusion I will not mention it in this discussion and let you read Levine's article to learn of the details. In any case, this variety marries the original obverse in somewhat later die state with the chips and gouges slightly advanced, with a reverse that has been mentioned before but modified for use. The reverse die used to strike the originals continued to buckle badly, and after a short life it was damaged beyond usefulness. Since the demand for these medals remained high, the Paris mint took steps to augment the supply. The old discarded reverse die with the error Roman date was once again dragged out, and it was rendered useable by the simple expedient of striking a D over the incorrect M and adding a new M to the left, transforming MCCLXXVI (1276) into MDCCLXXVI (1776). And so we have the only known instance of an overdate in Roman numerals!

Mooney states that the first restrike was struck in lead and chocolate bronze. (12). They are both extremely rare, only a pair of each being presently located. The specimen I show tonight is apparently a cast counterfeit! I found it in a dealer's stock on the floor of a major convention three years ago. He had no idea of the die variety, nor did he care. The piece was offered without fanfare at a most reasonable price, and he could not account for its provenance. I have no idea of when or under what circumstances the piece was crafted, but there is little doubt that it was made directly from one of the rare first restrikes. The obverse, as stated above, is still the original die with slightly more signs of damage. The reverse has the following distinctive characteristics: B in BOSTONIUM is located under the ankle of the right rear foot of Washington's horse; the period after the second Roman numeral in the exergue is larger than that after the first; and that second period is under the right side of the second I in MARTII. Like the original, four hooves appear under the belly of Washington's horse. This restrike was struck during or before 1820, because it was from that date on that the Paris mint began to mark the edges of their medals with mint and metal marks. (13).

The D over M feature of the overdate is not distinct on my specimen because the casting makes the entire area appear as though the die had been filled with grease. However, the other characteristics make the attribution certain. Some people have characterized my piece as a museum copy. That may be reasonable, for where else would one obtain a piece to use as a model? However, until the provenance can be proven, I will consider it to be an interesting counterfeit filler while awaiting the real thing.

Specimens of the second restrike are usually classified by die stages because they were produced from dies under various stages of repair at different times, and the pieces so struck are clearly distinguishable. All three states are represented in both silver and bronze, although neither Fuld nor Mooney knew of the existence of the third, or late, state of the die in silver. It was the last discovered and probably the rarest type of this group. I have on display tonight one specimen of the early state in chocolate bronze; and one piece of the late state in silver.

The obverse die of this marriage is the same as the original die. A new reverse die was necessitated when once again the previously used one failed fatally after a limited number of strikings. The die is distinctive by the combination of the following traits: This is the first reverse die that shows only three hooves below the horse's belly; there are no periods after the Roman numerals in the exergue; and, like the original, the second I of MARTII ends under the second R in RECUPERATUM. The O's in the legend are, like the first restrike, quite oval rather than round like the originals. Additionally, the edge is incused with a mint mark and metal type for the first time.

My chocolate bronze piece on display is a specimen of the early die state of the second restrike. You can see clearly that the damage on the obverse die, previously described as gouges, have now degenerated into deep pits on the die. They are prominent when one looks at the bust side of the medal. This marriage went into use at some time between 1820, when the French mint began to mark its edges, and 1890, when the mint switched to golden bronze and began to replace the earlier edge marking, CUIVRE, with the currently used BRONZE. There are, according to Fuld who rates it as R-5, over 100 pieces of this state in bronze.

My silver piece is an example of the the third, or late, state of the die. Note that the damage to the obverse die has, by now, been repaired. The dies were reworked and the result was a second state of the marriage on which there were no pits, gouges or breaks on either of the dies. However, late in the life of this marriage, judging from the rarity of known examples in any metal, a serious die break occurred at the reverse rim above the letters HOS in HOSTIBUS. These pieces were presumably struck in Paris after 1890, because all known examples of the third state in bronze were struck in golden bronze. (14). The silver piece was struck in a matte finish, and it has toned to a lovely gray over the years. This piece was from the original Magriel collection and was lot # 204 of Joe Levine's catalogue of that sale. One other piece is known, the David W. Dreyfuss specimen offered by Bowers and Merena as lot # 5232 of their April 12, 1986 sale.

Some time between 1855 and 1890, the U.S. mint decided to jump on the retail public sales bandwagon, and after lengthy and futile negotiations in an effort to acquire the dies in use from the French mint, mediocre but usable dies were prepared from a current Paris medal. The pieces struck from these dies are easily recognizable. Although reproduced from a second restrike specimen, the U.S. dies lost some detail in the process.

Previously smooth areas were now less so. A small die pit shows on the reverse of all known pieces slightly above the center of the die. The most telling characteristic, though, is that there is no device on the edges, as the U.S. mint never has adopted this practice. My piece on display is struck in chocolate bronze. This was the only metal used for this marriage, referred to as the third restrike, or the first U.S. restrike. There is little doubt that several hundred of these were struck.

Around 1890 these new dies made in the U.S. became useless through wear, and a new set had to be prepared. At this time entirely new dies were created using new letter punches and device tools. The obverse is most easily distinguished by noting the slightly new placement of the artist's name DU VIVIER and the new serif on the lower right corner of the letter G where it appears in the legend. On the reverse, a fourth hoof suddenly reappears under the horse's belly. Periods have been reinstated after the Roman numeral dates, and the second I of MARTII is now under the second E of RECUPERATUM. The O's in the legend have become even slimmer than before. These pieces were first struck in chocolate bronze and are very rare in this metal. Fuld accounts for four known specimens (15), and Mooney reports presumably an additional piece in his collection. Shortly after 1900 the U.S. mint switched to the new golden bronze alloy, similar to that being used at the Paris mint since 1890. From that time until the present day, the fourth restrike dies have been in use at the mint to manufacture these pieces in that modern alloy and, recently, in matte silver as well. These medals are still available directly from the U.S. mint. My piece shown here tonight is struck in golden bronze.

Meanwhile, back on the farm, the French mint was forced to retire their old dies and replace them with a new set in approximately 1910. (16). These new dies confused collectors for some time because they combined various characteristics of the originals and previous restrikes. On the reverse, the fourth hoof was replaced under the belly of the horse to match the original. Likewise, the last I of MARTII was restored to below the second R in RECUPERATUM. However, the periods were not restored after the Roman numeral dates, and the O's in the legend remained oval shaped, in both cases matching the first restrike. The edges were marked as with previous Paris restrikes. Until approximately 1930, they featured miscellaneous mint marks and the metal used plus the word FRANCE. After 1930, the word FRANCE was dropped from the edge. Pieces were struck in silver and golden bronze. My piece being shown tonight is a golden bronze specimen struck after 1930. The fifth restrike is still available from the Paris mint in both metals.

The remaining pieces on display here are related to the Washington Before Boston Medals. Some were mentioned by the previous authors and are shown just for the sake of information and completeness.

In or about 1865 at the height of the Washingtonia collecting fever, a contemporary sculptor named A. Demarest electrotyped a hub from a Washington Before Boston medal obverse and used the bust device he made as the central design on a medal that he issued. He replaced Duvivier's name with his own, added new appropriate legends, and mated his new obverse with a superb rendering of Washington's mansion at Mount Vernon which was

of his own design and handiwork. Fuld plated the piece in his monograph (17), and I have brought a specimen to exhibit. Although it is a beautifully crafted attractive large medal, the nineteenth century numismatic fraternity never forgave Demarest for what they perceived as an outright act of plagiarism. Baker, for instance, absolutely refused to include the piece in his famous work, and had this to say about the incident: "Electro-type copies of this head made in New York...for a Mr. J. Crutchett, are well known. The bust is surrounded by a classic band, and beneath it appears, A. Demarest Sc.; the substitution of this name in lieu of the real engraver, is an unwarranted assumption." (18).

The year 1901 was the 125th anniversary of the forced evacuation of the British from Boston. On this occasion the school children of Boston were presented with an attractive small medal struck in bronze which used as the obverse die a much reduced but otherwise accurate copy of the reverse of the Washington Before Boston medal. The piece measures approximately 38 mm (1 1/2"). The reverse features the following six-line legend enclosed within a wreath: SOUVENIR 125TH ANNIVERSARY EVACUATION DAY BOSTON, MASS. 1901. This medal was manufactured by the famous New Jersey medalists, Whitehead and Hoag Company. The piece is relatively available.

Seventy-five years later, 1976, besides being the bicentennial anniversary of our country, was also quite obviously the 200th anniversary of the evacuation of Boston. A medal very similar to that issued in 1901 was struck once again and apparently distributed to the school children in the area. The main difference, of course, was that the reverse die now read 200TH ANNIVERSARY rather than 125TH ANNIVERSARY. Also, I have found this medal in two distinctly different finishes. I am showing examples of both tonight. This fact suggests that the types were made by two different firms, although, unlike the 1901 pieces, they are unsigned and I have not yet researched these to dig out the facts. These bicentennial types were issued later in the same year that Glenn Mooney made his presentation to WPNS, so he was not aware of them at the time he wrote his monograph.

Mooney reports that he was advised to contact a Boston source for help with research on the 1901 pieces. He eventually got in touch with Ralph Goldstone, a Boston dealer, who supplied Mooney with a piece and provided the necessary research information. (19). I digress to this because the late Mr. Goldstone was a personal friend and a giant of a numismatist whom I greatly admired. He helped me tremendously in my numismatically formative years. Some day I hope to put together a profile on this warm and knowledgeable old friend, and the information might result in another evening's reminiscence.

As Mooney points out, in 1973 the U.S. mint went on a medal striking rampage in anticipation of the national celebrations due to be observed in the next twenty years. Glenn mentions that another small (1 1/2" diameter) reproduction of the Washington Before Boston medal was offered to the public in both golden bronze and pewter "as part of a set of two (the other being the Gates medal)." (20). In fact, the pieces were offered as

part of a set of eleven reproductions of America's first medals. They included the Washington Before Boston piece, the other seven COMITIA AMERICANA Medals (21), and three additional medals that were struck to commemorate battles of the American Revolutionary War. A booklet housing the entire set of medals in pewter is on display here tonight as well as the individual Washington Before Boston medals in both metals.

It is interesting to note the startling differences in the expression on the face of the imaginary Washington portrait as commissioned by Voltaire and mentioned earlier in this paper (22), compared to that as depicted by Duvivier modeled from the life mask Houdon bust on this lovely medal. On the former, Washington is pictured as a stern and demanding Napoleonic military type with battle-hardened features. Those who sculpted this image had never seen a likeness of the great man and could only guess at his appearance based on his accomplishments. The latter, taken from life, clearly shows the qualities of hero and statesman, strength of character and dignity possessed by our Pater Patriae. Nowhere else in our vast artistic culture is it so evident that, although the Voltaire medal portrait may have been somewhat wide of the mark, the legend could not have been more true when it stated, "WASHINGTON REUNIT PAR UN RARE ASSEMBLAGE LES TALENS DU GUERRIER ET LES VERTUS DU SAGE."

-The End-

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(2) Whenever possible, to contribute to discussions — However, I feel that I am not as knowledgeable about numismatics

5. What constructive comments could you make as the typical concerning improving the organization? WPNS member is.

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Nevin B. Greninger 8/12/88

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
Informational Questionnaire for
Consideration of New Members

1. According to your membership application, you listed your area of expertise as coins & tokens of the British Isles. What is the most significant characteristic associated with this collecting specialty?

2. Give an example of the type of program or programs that you feel you could present at a WPNS meeting.

- (1) Adhesive postage stamps of Queen Victoria's Reign
(2) Development of Britain's Penny Post system

slides
written
handouts

3. Do you plan to take an active role in the WPNS by attending meetings regularly? YES

4. Why are you interested in joining the WPNS?

- (1) To strengthen my understanding of numismatics
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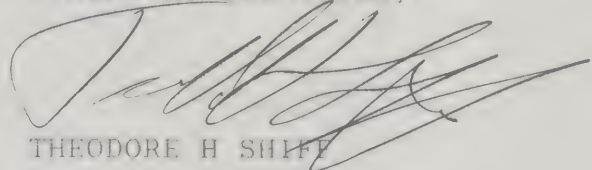
WPNS MEMBERS
PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP
NEVIN GRENINGER

I AM HAPPY TO RECOMMEND MR NEVIN GRENINGER FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE WPNS. HE HAS BEEN KNOWN TO ME FOR SEVERAL YEARS AS A PERSON DEEPLY INTERESTED IN NUMISMATICS AND PHILATELLICS. HE HAS SPECIALIZED IN SEVERAL FOREIGN COLLECTIBLES WITH EMPHASIS ON POLAND AND GREAT BRITIAN WITH COMMONWEALTH NATIONS INCLUDED. HE NOT ONLY COLLECTS THE INDIVIDUAL STAMPS AND COINS BUT HE IS A STUDENT OF THE HISTORY OF THE ITEMS OF INTEREST TO HIM.

MR GRENINGER HAS ALSO SHOWN A GREAT INTEREST IN THE COMPUTER FIELD AND SERVES AS A COMPUTER CONSULTANT TO ME IN MY BUSINESS AND THIS INTEREST HAS LED HIM TO BEGIN A COMPUTER LISTING OF COINS. A BOOK WAS BEGUN BY HIM ON A HISTORY OF BRITISH COINS FROM 125 B.C. TO DATE. KRAUSE PUBLICATIONS HAS BEEN CONTACTED FOR THE POTENTIAL PUBLISHING OF WHAT COULD BE A MAJOR ADDITION TO THE LITERATURE IN THIS AREA.

PITTSBURGH HAS BEEN HIS HOME FOR SOME TIME AS HE PRESENTLY IS WORKING FOR THE BUREAU OF MINES. HIS WORK HAS LED HIM TO GREAT BRITIAN AND POLAND AS WELL AS WASHINGTON DC. HE IS AN INTERESTING, SENSITIVE AND INTELLIGENT PERSON WHO ADDS MUCH TO THOSE WITH WHOM HE COMES IN CONTACT WITH. I FEEL HE WILL BE AN ASSET TO THIS ORGANIZATION.

SINCERELY SUBMITTED,



THEODORE H SHIFF

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OF
THE BRITISH ISLES
SINCE 125 BC

By
Staff of Coins and Computers

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July 15, 1988

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Acknowledgment of Literature Influence

Seaby's books
Friedberg's book
History books

Acknowledgment of Assistance and Encouragement

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

symbol	meaning
CBM	Celtic -- Belgic Migration
CSB	Celtic -- Dynastic Issue of Southern Britain
CSN	Celtic -- Dynastic Issue of North Thames
CSM	Celtic -- Dynastic Issue of South Midlands
CEE	Celtic -- Dynastic Issue of Eastern England
BRR	British -- Roman Republic
BRE	British -- Roman Empire
ASN	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of Northumbria
ASY	Anglo-Saxon -- Archbishopric of York
ASK	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of Kent
ASC	Anglo-Saxon -- Archbishopric of Canterbury
ASM	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of Mercia
ASEA	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of East Anglia
ASDI	Anglo-Saxon -- Viking Invaders of England from Denmark
ASW	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of Wessex
ASE	Anglo-Saxon -- Kingdom of England
NL	Norman Line
APL	Anjou-Plantagenet Line
LL	Lancaster Line
TL	Tudor Line
SL	Stuart Line
OL	Orange Line
HL	Hanover Line
SCGL	Saxe-Coburg and Gotha Line
WL	Windsor Line

ANNOUNCEMENT OF

MANUSCRIPT IN PROCESS ON NUMISMATIC HISTORY

OF INTEREST TO COLLECTORS OF

BRITISH MATERIAL

Probable Title -- COINS AND TOKENS OF THE BRITISH ISLES SINCE 125 BC

Target Date for Release of First Edition -- Summer of 1989

Status -- 100 pages of draft copy have been prepared

Probable Cost -- \$ 45.00

Estimated Number of Pages -- 450

Source for Additional Information --

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(Comments or suggestions are welcome -- they may be of help to us.)

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Curators Report

June 1988

The history materials and files of W.P.N.S. have passed another year in safe storage. I hope that they will get some use. What an experience to read some of the societies events from long ago. Two file boxes are filled to capacity. A detailed list is available as to the contents of these boxes.

Respectfully Submitted
Richard A. Gaetano
Curator

August, 1988

File drawer

Book - pictures of medals (tracings) from Pgh area
Copy of auction list - recently held at Crosby's

Copies of "The Clarion"

various Programs

Files from 1920's - 1930's - 1940's

dues lists 1946-1960's

Papers - WPNS - Bound

Copies of - "Quantities U S Proof Coins 1863-1956

Presidents file 1950's - 1960's

Sec. Reports 1950's - 1960's

1955-67 minutes

1961-63 "

1963-64 "

1964-65 "

1960's Records - dues - Treas. Reports.

1982-83 minutes & news letters

1983-84 "

Misc. Correspondence & Files

August, 1988

Box

WPNS Program Papers
Accession Book

Copies of 1st newsletter 1878

all.
1986 County Proclamation

minutes 1878-1880

" 1880-1889

Donations from 1880's

Scrapbook (1954) Pictures from the past

A N A 50 yr. award

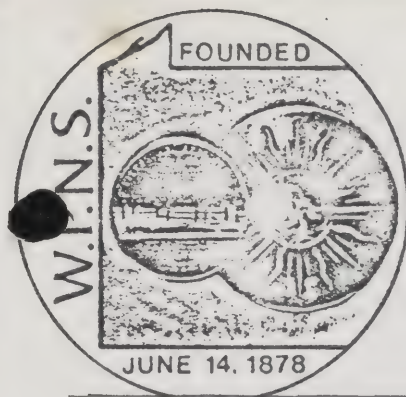
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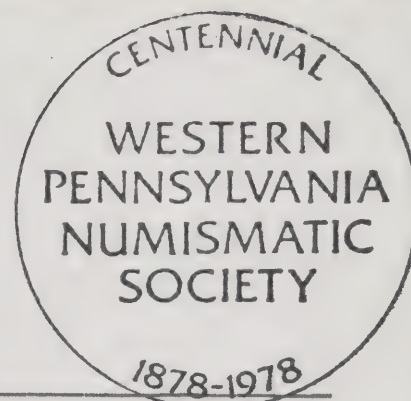
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Various Topics in file folders

Coin talks at WPNS in folders



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



Date: Saturday, September 10, 1988
Time: 3:30 P.M.
Where: Armor Murdoch's Cottage, Derry, Pa.
Program: Picnic Meeting

Despite the hot weather we had 15 members and three guests attending the August meeting where Wayne Homren gave a very interesting talk on J. C. Buffum, Pittsburgh Entrepreneur.

*****Membership Committee*****

Larry Dziubek received a letter of recommendation for membership from Ted Shiff for Nevin Greninger.

*****Program Committee*****

Wayne Homren had the 1988-'89 programs printed and mailed to me. I am including them in this months newsletter. Also it was decided that the November 1st dinner meeting will be at the Top of the Triangle and Larry Korchnak will handle further arrangements.

*****Publications Committee*****

Dick Buckley volunteered to chair this committee.

*****Publicity Committee*****

President Murdoch is still looking for a non-officer to chair this committee.

*****ANA CONVENTION*****

Pittsburgh club members were well represented at the 1988 ANA Convention in Cincinnati with a "Pittsburgh '89" table where 2500 Pittsburgh Golden Triangle Tokens were passed out and Pittsburgh '89 T shirts were sold. These were designed by Wayne Homren.

Pittsburgh had four winners in the 120 exhibits as follows. Tokens: First Place: Wayne Homren. Medals: Second Place: David Deep. Third Place: Sam Deep. Foreign Coins: Second Place: Larry Korchnak.

*****Picnic Meeting*****

This months meeting is a picnic at Armor Murdoch's cottage in Derry, Pa. in conjunction with the Greensburg (Youngwood), Pa. Coin Show. Guests are welcome. Attendees will be assessed \$5.00 to pay for the food and refreshments. Arrival time: 3:30 P.M. We'll start cooking around 5 P.M.

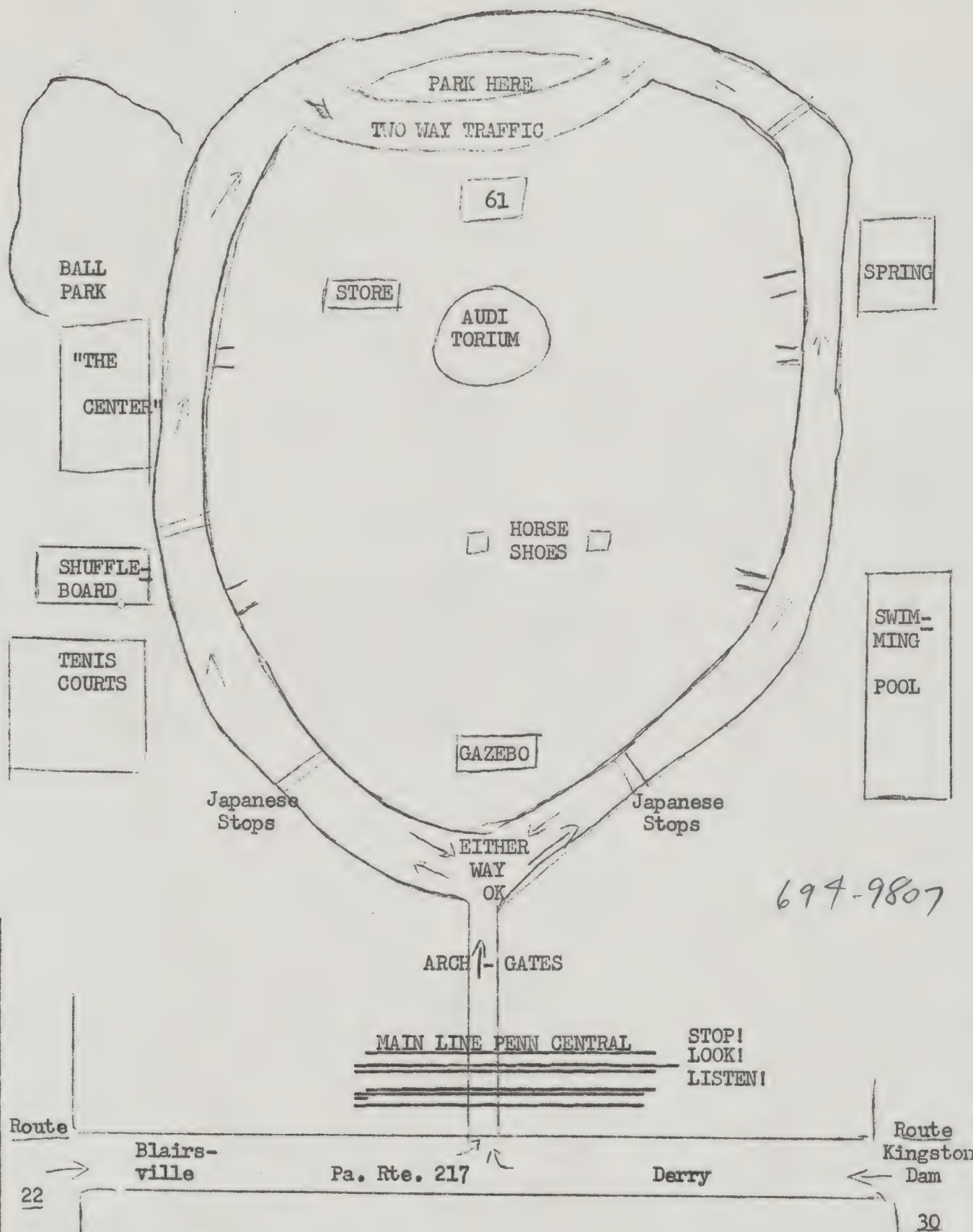
*****Lost Catalog*****

John Burns advises his Empire Numismatic Literature Catalog is missing from the August meeting and would appreciate its return.

*****Coin Shows*****

Sept. 10-11 Greensburg Coin Show, Youngwood Fire Hall, 2nd & Chestnut Sts.
Sept. 17-18 INDIANA COIN SHOW, RUSTIC LODGE, RT. 286 S, INDIANA, PA.
Sept. 24-25 LANCASTER COIN SHOW, FARM + HOME CENTER, ARCADIA ROAD, LANCASTER, PA.
OCT. 16 CHARTERS VALLEY COIN CLUB SHOW, HOLIDAY INN (U.S. 22430) PITTSBURGH, PA.

Please address your reply to person signing letter.



Cottage #61 - Ridgeview Park - Derry, Pa.

DIRECTIONS: Rte. 22 east to Blairsville, turn right on Rte. 217 and go 6 miles to sign on left side of road - OR - Rte. 30 east through Greensburg by-pass to Kingston Bridge and Dam, turn left on Rte 217 and go through Derry, Pa., proceed on 217 for 2 miles to sign. *on right* Sign reads "Ridgeview" Turn and cross Penn Central tracks into Park. Cottage is 61. Distance-approximately 42miles from Wilkinsburg.

HOUSING

9/10/88

Prime meeting

Ed. K.

Chuck Erb

Me

Glenn & Mrs. Ottman

Pat McB

Ted

Nevin

Arnor & Mrs.

Dick Fatauro & friend Joan (Eric)

John Burns

Dick Buckley

10 Members - 1 Guest - 2 Women

CENTURY PLAZA INN
W. MIFFLIN

OCT-8-9 - 23RD ANNUAL CORN SHOWS

- SHOWS -
- ① OCT-1-2 RAY WASOSKY SHOW - CORN + BASEBALL SHOW MONROEVILLE
 - ② OCT-2 - HOLIDAY CORN SHOW - 51 & I-70 BELLEVILLE
 - ③ OCT. 16 - OAKDALE, PA - CHATEAUX VAL. C.C. H.I. PRYNT WEST
 - ④ OCT. 23 - (# 22430)

MARRIOTT

~~The memb-comm has advised that~~

~~The application for membership for Nevin Granger
will be voted on @ this meeting. The old meeting~~

~~Planning~~

~~ANA Committee~~

~~The ANA planning committee is meeting Sept. 18
at Ed Krivniak's house to discuss plans for the ANA
convention.~~

~~Still awaiting OK from Treasury
dept to design ANA John Mercante~~

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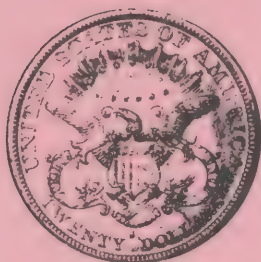
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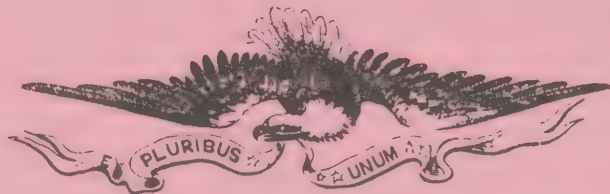
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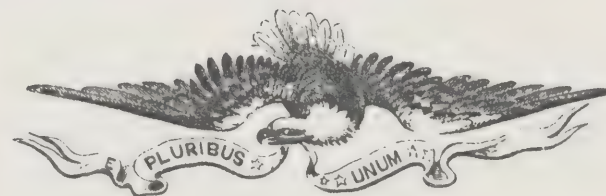
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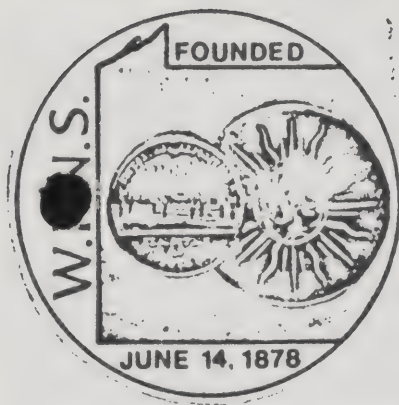
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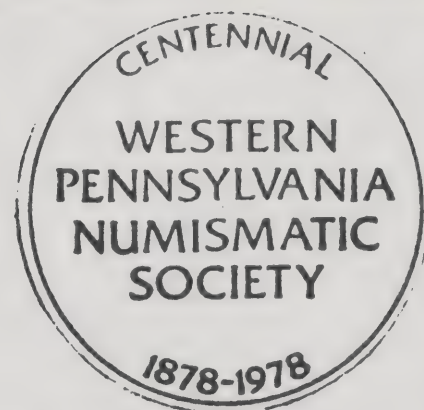


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Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



Date: Tuesday, August 2, 1988
Time: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts at 8:15 P.M.
Where: Offices of Carnegie Group Inc.
Five PPG Place, Third Avenue and Market Street, Downtown
Program: J. C. Buffum, Pittsburgh Entrepreneur, by Wayne Homren

Nineteen Members and one guest attended the July meeting wherein Ray Rennick spoke on Colonial Collectables displaying several 1776 coins, continental currency and early newspapers.

*****MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE*****

Larry Dziubek introduced Harry Colborn as a new member. Harry mentioned his background and his avid interest in U. S. large cents.

*****PROGRAM COMMITTEE*****

Wayne Homren advised he is near completion on the '88-'89 slate of programs. He is working to get Maxine Burns to speak on University of Pittsburgh Medals and Memorabilia. He suggested we check the Top of the Triangle for the November dinner meeting.

*****PUBLICATIONS and PUBLICITY COMMITTEE*****

President Murdoch advised he is looking for persons to head two new committees, Publications and Publicity.

*****PITTSBURGH ANA COMMITTEE*****

President Murdoch requested we have an "Internal" Committee reporter for the 1989 Pittsburgh ANA. Ed Krivoniak volunteered to head it.

*****PICNIC COMMITTEE*****

It was mentioned that the Youngwood Coin Show is Sept. 10 and 11 and Armor Murdoch's picnic will be Saturday the 10th.

*****COIN SHOWS*****

August 13-14: PAN Convention, Hilton Inn, Lackawanna Sta., Scranton, Pa.
August 14: Castle Shannon Antique/Collectable Show,
Castle Shannon Firehall.
August 21: Coin and Jewelry Show, Greentree Marriott.
September 10, 11: Youngwood Coin Show, Youngwood, Pa. Firehall.

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REGISTER OF Aug 2, 1988 MEETING

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Jerry Porter

Harry Colborn

John H. Burns

Chuck Erb

Dick Gaetano

Ed Hoff

Ed Kuzniak

Gary Guntick

Dick Buckley

Walter S. Muecke

Lodger E. Hershner

Eileen K. Kelly

Larry Kochel

Richard J. Reddy

Wayne K. Hornen

GUESTS

Blaine Hoff

Nevin Greninger

John Hoff

Minutes - WPNS Meeting - Aug. 2, '88

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Murdoch at 8:15 PM - Minutes of the July 5 meeting were read + approved.

Treasurer's report:

John Burns read the July balance which equals - ~~\$ 2747.14~~ - \$ 2745.14

Membership Committee ^{Larry Dyjubeck} Letter of recommendation from Ted Shiff for Nevin Groninger - Application to follow?

Program Committee - Wayne Hansen - Top of the Triangle 2 menu choices - open Cash bar - Bartender

\$ 21²⁰ / person minimum.

Larry Korchuch volunteered to handle the dinner from this point.

Publications ~~Publicity Committee~~ - Dick Buckley
Committee - Chaired by [→]
Publicity " - not chaired yet.

Pgh-ANA '89 Comm. - Ed. K. - ANA Rep. Ruth Ann Bertell.

Sam Deep advised priorities for '89

Program Committee - Wayne needs formal approval to have printed - Motioned, seconded & approved. ~~Wayne~~

- Cinti - ANA - Secretary mentioned - Medals, T Shirts & ~~Exhibitors~~ Exhibit winners
Wayne ordered 4 Dozen more T Shirts - Should get in time for the PAN Show.

Curator Dick Gaetano^{is} working on list of items in library; should have it ready for Sept meeting.

(Visitors - Blaine Shiff
- John Depp.)

Wayne Homrens program - J.C. Buffum Pgh entrepreneur began at 8:52 - Wayne ~~spoke~~ advised subject was a bottler of mineral water & he issued a token advertising the ~~prop~~ product. - Also that a lot of bottles & other curio of the day have been recovered from old wells.

— Soda Water, Syrup, Cider, Porter, etc.

Mentioned diary depicts mainly his trip (1847) from Pgh to California, (2 Bottles for display)

Picnic - at Armas - Sept 10 @ cottage -

Maps distributed -

Need volunteer to chair picnic - John Burns -

Motion made & seconded to go to Top of Triangle.
Choice of meals responsibility with Larry K.

Dick Crosby mentioned sale of Encased penny book to
State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Ed Hulitz - Wayne - Bank notes of Pgh.
- John - Several Coin Books - ^{inc.} Roman Imperial Coins
- Dick Crosby - Army of Philippines Medal
- Columbian Exp. medal 1893
- Several Enameled coins . etc .
- Dick Buckley - ^{Nice Selection} Ancient & Modern - World Coins .

Al Strickler - Coin Books for Sale -
- Bonilla rookie card .

Roger Hershey - Br. Honduras (1897 50¢)
- New Mexico Merchant Token .

Nevin - - 4 Medals - Elgin Art Medals
from England. Geo IV

Dick Gaetano -

Ed K - New ADA - ^{acquisitions} Iran one Pahlave
- Chinese & Roman pieces

Jerry - 7 Mexican Revolutionary Pieces & Br. Comm.

Ted - Olympic Silver #

- S. Af. Proof florin

- Scarce U.S. Proofs. (1875 S/cu)
trade dollar

- Shellaced U.S. Commems. etc

Chuck Erb - ANA - ^{several} Bust Halves.
- 4 Swiss Pieces
Arnor Murdoch - Birth Year Coin Set (1908)

Meeting adjourned @ 10:15

Motion - ~~John~~ John Burns

Seconded - Wayne Hamner

Wayne K. Homren, Vice President
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
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Pittsburgh, PA 15206
642-6900 (office)
361-2722 (home)
July 8, 1988

E. Maxine Bruhns
Nationality Rooms Programs
1209 Cathedral of Learning
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260


Dear Mrs. Bruhns:

On behalf of our Society, I would like to extend our thanks for your offer to speak at our annual Social Meeting on November 1, 1988. The meeting is tentatively scheduled for the Top of the Triangle Restaurant, in the USX Tower, downtown. WPNS was founded in 1878, and is one of the oldest organizations of coin collectors in the country. Our 1988 Social Meeting will mark our 110th anniversary.

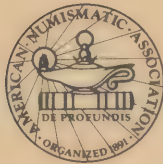
As I mentioned on the phone, Sam Deep offered to display a portion of his University of Pittsburgh memorabilia collection at the meeting. Together with your presentation on the history of the Cathedral of Learning, I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable evening for us all.

As a non-profit organization, we can't offer you much more than our thanks for your time. We will of course, pay for your meal, and that of a guest should you decide to bring one. We will also supply a standard slide projector and screen. I'll be in touch again as the meeting date approaches, to make final arrangements. Thank you very much.

Sincerely,



Wayne K. Homren, Vice President
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



REQUEST FOR AWARD

PLEASE PRINT

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THIS IS A REQUEST THAT AN EDUCATIONAL AWARD CERTIFICATE BE ISSUED TO:

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The Adventures of J. C. Buffum, Pittsburgh Entrepreneur

By Wayne K. Homren

*Based on a talk presented to the
Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society*

August 2, 1988

Joseph Curtis Buffum was a businessman who operated a successful bottling company in Pittsburgh. During the Civil War, his company issued a "copperhead" token advertising "Buffums Mineral Water". Just one variety of this Civil War Storecard token was produced, and it is estimated that 2,000 to 5,000 examples remain today¹.

This article begins with an outline of the life of J. C. Buffum and the history of his company. The remainder of the paper quotes several interesting entries from Buffum's personal diary.

DIGGING FOR HISTORY

Much information about J.C. Buffum and his company was uncovered in an archeological study performed by Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Natural History. Artifacts were recovered from four major construction sites in downtown Pittsburgh, namely PPG Place, Fifth Avenue Place, CNG Tower, and the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts. Archaeologists and their assistants worked among bulldozers and other heavy construction equipment, racing against the clock to recover and record as many artifacts as construction schedules would allow. An exhibit titled "Pieces of the Past: Archaeology in Pittsburgh" displayed many of the artifacts which had lain undisturbed beneath the busy city streets for over a hundred years.

Many of the items recovered were found in wells and privies 16 to 45 feet below modern street level. Verna Cowin, director of the project, reported that one of the wells very likely belonged to Buffum's bottling company. In the abandoned well were found examples of Buffum bottles spanning a forty year period, the oldest on the bottom.

JOSEPH C. BUFFUM

J. C. Buffum was born on January 22nd, 1825, in Westmoreland, New Hampshire. He studied law, medicine, and farming, and at the age of twenty-one, moved to Pittsburgh, PA with his brother Haskell. Joseph was greatly interested in medicine, and formed a Phreno-Magnetic Society, whose members studied the treatment of nervous disorders with magnetism, a very popular cure in mid-19th century America. He prepared medications for friends and relatives, but never became a physician.

The brothers started a beer and pop business in 1847, selling their first products from a horse-drawn

¹ [Fuld 75], p494

wagon. While Haskell minded the business, J. C. set off in search of other pursuits. He was married in August, 1848, and returned to New Hampshire to study medicine at Dartmouth College. Just a year later news of the discovery of gold in California prompted J. C. to set out for Sacramento, CA. He had some minor success and was able to convert gold from his claim into some San Francisco real estate. In 1850 he returned to the bottling business, forming a partnership to sell soda water in San Francisco.

By 1852 he had returned to Pittsburgh to resume business with his brother Haskell. In 1854 the firm moved to 26 Market Street, where they manufactured mineral water, sarsaparilla, pop, ale, and porter. Large orders were being shipped by water and rail across the country. The firm continued to grow, acquiring and merging with several other bottling companies.

During the Civil War J.C. served as a captain. Later he was elected the Burgess of Lawrenceville. He became involved in other business enterprises including an oil refinery and a lumberyard. He died on March 8, 1904, and was buried in Homewood Cemetery. The company continued in business until 1922, making it the longest-lasting bottling enterprise in Pittsburgh.

THE DIARY

From September, 1847 through October, 1854 Joseph Buffum kept a journal, which now resides in the California State Historical Society. A copy of the diary is in the collections of The Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh [Buffum ??]. It is a fascinating glimpse at mid-19th century life as seen through the eyes of an intelligent young man. The early pages of the diary describe his daily routine as a student, and his exploits as an amateur physician. Later sections detail his arduous journey with fellow 49'ers across land to California. The remainder of this paper quotes various passages verbatim from Buffum's diary.

SCHOOL DAYS

September 14th, 1847

I am now resolved to quit business and prepare myself for college; for which purpose I have just purchased Anthony's Greek lessons, and Bullion's Latin Grammar, \$.75, and am about to commence Cicero's Orations under instruction of Mr. Bradley of Allegheny City, a graduate of Yale College. I am now determined to value time as it passes and improve it. I will now keep a daily (sic) record of my time and progress and am determined that a day shall not pass without my doing some good not only to myself but to my fellow man.

October 17th, 1847

Still attended school; got along very well; attended some little to my business. Still practicing Magnetism; received a coat of Mr. Ramalege for restoring his daughter from the St. Vitus Dance; magnetized a good many..... I have magnetized a Miss Elisa Foyt several times she was very much troubled with the head ache but is now well of it.

October 31st, 1847

Raymond & Warrings Menagerie arrived in town today and made a very good display The roman chariot is a splendid affair. It is covered with gilt embossed figures as large as life; a great number of carriages. I think I will go to see it. They have Boa constrictors and an anaconda, a buffalo, one verry (sic) large elephant. Herr Dreirbruck is with them.

GOING WEST

January 20, 1849

Met with the California A. T. & M. Co. at the Dartmouth Hotel. They have already met twice but have not yet

formed a company. But they having obtained the requisite number 25. I was elected one of the Directors of the Company. I had for a long time felt the influence of the tide of enterprise setting towards Cal. and the flattering prospects in that section of our country. I devoted all the time I could spare from my recitations to informing myself on the state of the country, its productions, mineral wealth, etc, but had not yet met with a proper opportunity to go. It seemed to me that a company of this kind would meet my wishes exactly Therefore my wife being willing I joined this company.... The bonds to be given a week from tonight. The principal subject of discussion is how we shall raise a sufficient fund to procure provisions and ship them via Cape Horn.

March 5, 1849

Arrived at St. Louis found a place of more importance than I had supposed it to be; is improving rapidly. Behind it are beautiful rolling praries.

April 4th, 1849

Arrived at Independence found it thronged with emigrants. Proceeded to camp with Capt. Allen's party from Pittsburgh and camped some 2 miles back of the town.

... we made preparation to leave by way of Santa fe but abandoning that project for the want of sufficient number to awe the bold Camanches.

... Mr. Robert Baird and myself took lodgings at Capt. Staples and made an arrangement to go in company with 2 of his sons who were going out with 2 good 6 mule teams and plenty of provisions. Here we fared exceedingly well in a log cabin sleeping in the same room with the Proprietor and his lady and with others. This is fronteir life. We arrived ourselves of an opportunity to be present at a slave wedding which was altogether a nice affair.

May 1st, 1849

Cholera had already broken out here among the emigrants. Having completed our outfit we bid adieu to civilization and "rolled" out of town at 2 P.M.

May 3rd, 1849

When I arose this morning I discovered a prarie rattlesnake coiled beneath the blanket under my head where I suppose he had rested very comfortably but I soon put an end to his snakish career by separating his head to far from his body.

May 16th, 1849

Passed Rock Creek. We are passing over a very roling country. Came to Big Blue passed 2 graves,.... one a young man killed by the accidental discharge of his gun in the waggon.

May 17th, 1849

Some 3 miles further on we passed the junction of the St. Joseph road with this. This road was also swarming with emigrants. Some large trains with families some for Cal. and others for Oregon. The road is covered with waggons as far as the sight extends with their white tops presents to the spectator a truly imposing spectacle.

May 19th, 1849

Today we passed over a very level portion... Every bone or horn by the way side is endorsed with numerous individuals and companies names who have preceeded us, together with the date of passing. Papers are stuck up upon sticks recording unfortunate circumstance encounters with Indians and cautionary devices.

May 20th, 1849

We here refreshed ourselves with a bathing; a thing very essential to health on the journey and very delightful after travelling long in the dust.

May 24th, 1849

A severe thunder storm came on from the east about nightfall and continued till midnight. Such lightning as we

had I never before witnessed. It seemed as if everything in camp was wrapt in a sheet of flame and Nature groaned with awful and continued thunder. The display of electricity on the plains is grand and sublime beyond conception. The guards were driven in by the storm and the water increased to 3 inches depth in our tents and we crowded into the waggons and slept across bales and boxes for the night.

June 21st, 1849

2 of our animals sick from poison water or grass. Gave them salt and bled them in the mouth. ...

Buffalo chips are still our principal fire wood.

October, 1849

Bought a claim for \$200 and employed help at \$16 per day or one ounce.

November 11th, 1849

We made a dividend of our dust concealed some of our tools in the earth beside a log, tied up our tent with the culinary vessels in it; took our blankets upon our backs and left the canyon.

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"AFTER THE ANA"

REPORT TO THE 1989 ORGANIZING COMMITTEE ON JULY 28, 1988

Too bad some of you were unable to attend the Cincinnati convention. It was a great learning experience. Since an unexpected requirement in Erie prevents me from attending the picnic tonight, I'll share my thoughts with you via this letter, and ask Rich Crosby to pass it out.

OUR PRESENCE IN CINCI: The Pittsburgh table was a hit. Visitors were upbeat about coming here next year. We ran out of 2500 GET TO THE POINT medals at Noon on Saturday and we sold all of the 36 T shirts Wayne designed. We have an order for 5 more; if anyone else wants some, tell Wayne. These shirts are the mandatory local show uniform for the next 12 months.

RE ANA HQS: Ruthann Brettell is staying on and has been reassigned to convention planning. Pat Yates has been moved to publications. Both Ruthann and Bob Leuver, the new Executive Director, will be coming to Pittsburgh soon to meet with us. I have no idea how much disruption this change might cause, but we need to stand firm re. the work already done.

LOCAL HEROES: All four Pittsburgh entries in the 120 exhibits were winners. Wayne Homren was the champ with a first place in tokens with his encased postage. Larry Korchnak with his seige coins was a close second in foreign--in fact one judge told me he would have given Larry "Best of Show" if it were up to him. My son David took second place in the highly competitive medals category with 270 points out of 300--a score that would have won many of the other categories. My school medals placed behind David--where else?

EDUCATION: John Burns got a bit of a shock, learning that Carl Wolf will be easing up on his involvement with the Numismatic Theatre. But John's up to the challenge--especially with the help we can give him. One positive development is that Walter Breen has agreed to moderate a cointrivia session.

MEDAL: This is our present priority. Our worst error would be to create any anxiety over getting our medal designed on time. Don is now moving ahead full speed on this. Our theme continues as "Pittsburgh: Gateway to the Future."

NEXT PRIORITIES: I had the opportunity to meet with every past general chairman who was at the convention, including a private and candid meeting with the ones from Atlanta and Cincinnati. The most powerful messages were: (1) get a hard working committee; (2) meet frequently to see who needs help; and (3) stay ahead of ANA deadlines. Along these lines we need to do two things.

1. Start monthly meetings. At the picnic, decide which night in which week works best for everyone. Make it early in the month so we can begin soon. At each of these meetings committee members will report on their progress and hear the latest developments from Colorado Springs.
2. Create timelines. Everyone should come to the first meeting with a detailed schedule for how you will carry out your responsibilities. If you need help with this, give me a call. By now each one of you should have also been in touch with your Cincinnati counterpart.

The following exhibit winners were also presented Saturday afternoon. The number in parenthesis indicates first, second or third place in each category. U.S. Coins: (1) Julius Turoff, (2) David Lange, (3) Vincent Alones. U.S. Paper Money: (1) Martin Leimkuhler, (2) William Mross, (3) Tommy Acker. Medals: (1) John Greenslet, (2) David G. Deep (3) Sam Deep. Tokens: (1) Wayne K. Homren, (2) Gary E. Lewis. Military Medals: (1) Paul Peters, (2) Vincent Alones, (3) Phil W. Greenslet. Obsolete Paper Money: (1) Dr. Radford Stearns. Coins Issued Prior to 1500 A.D.: (1) William F. Spengler, (2) John E. Page. Foreign Coins Issued 1500 A.D. & Later: (1) Joseph E. Baling, (2) Lawrence C. Korchnak, (3) Ray Edgerton Lenker.

Foreign Paper Money: (1) Gene Hessler, (2) Fred Schwan, (3) Jesse Patnck. U.S. Gold Coins: (1) Dick Duncan, (2) Walter M. Baird, (3) Frank W. Duvall. Foreign Gold Coins: (1) Thomas H. Law, (2) James O. Sweeny, (3) Albert K. Hall. Canadian Coins and Currency: (1) Jean A. Bullen. General or Specialized: (1) Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald, (2) Jay Roe, (3) Emmett M. Ey. Private Mint Issues since 1960: (1) Archie A. Black. Western Americana: (1) Douglas McDonald. Numismatic Errors: (1) David L. Shultz, (2) Keith Klopfenstein, (3) Jeff Peeler. Love Tokens: (1) Judy Schwan, (2) Edward O. Valentine. Local Interest Numismatic Material: (1) Paul Peters, (2) Donald Young, (3) Frank W. Duvall. Issues of the Government of Israel: (1) Dr. Thomas F. Fitzgerald.

A short list of YN exhibit awards winners, covering a lot of exhibits - Darren Davis, Ana Luisa Ortiz, Greg Lyon, Laura Lewis and Paul D'Arcy. D'Arcy, entering the ANA competition for the first time, placed with six of his seven exhibits. Lyon was right behind with four exhibits winning prizes.

Publisher Clifford Mishler visited the CONECA meeting to name the latest Numismatic Ambassador, Del Romines of Kentucky. A third Roving Numismatic Ambassador was also named Friday. Charles Colver, who was the first regular ambassador, will receive his plaque later as family commitments have prevented him from attending the ANA convention.

The bidding continued to be spirited and competitive during the final session of the auction, according to Mike Haynes of Heritage Numismatic Auctions, Inc. Highlights included an 1849 Mormon \$10 gold piece, AU-50/50, \$47,300 and an 1852 U.S. Assay Office \$50 slug, .900 fine, MS-63/63, \$60,500. A 1915 Panama-Pacific \$1 gold pattern without the U.S. mint mark sold for \$9,350 and an 1886-0 Morgan dollar, MS-65/65 prooflike, went to a mail bidder for \$6,600. Proof sets from 1859 and 1872 brought identical bids of \$7,700, while an 1876 proof set went for \$6,600. All prices listed include a 10 percent buyer's fee.

ANACS's plans to slab coins was the topic of discussion several times Saturday. The introduction of ANACS slabs does not mean the end of the current grading system. Collectors have the option to certify their coins without a slab. "I think it's great that people are being given a choice," said Dodgeville, Wis., collector J. Paul Morrow. At the Numismatics International meeting, the majority of members were opposed to ANACS grading of world coins.

DAILY

SUNDAY
JULY 24, 1988

numismatic news

Your Weekly Collecting Guide Featuring COIN MARKET



A special edition for the 97th Anniversary Convention of the American Numismatic Association

Adeline and Aubrey Bebee were presented with the ANA's highest honor Saturday night - the Farran Zerbe Memorial Award. Both are long-standing members of ANA, with Aubrey Bebee a former Medal of Merit winner. They recently donated their famous paper money collection to the ANA.

Other awards presented Saturday night included the Good Fellowship Award to this year's general chairman of the convention, Bruce W. Stowe, the Louis S. Werner Host Club Award to the Cincinnati Numismatic Association, Numismatic Art Award to John Cook, and the Glen Smedley Dedicated Service Award to U.S. Treasurer Katherine Ortega, U.S. Mint Director Donna Pope and Diane Wolf of the U.S. Fine Arts Commission.

Top exhibit awards were also given. The Charles H. Wolfe, Sr., Junior Best of Show Award went to Greg Lyon for his exhibit on 1987 Constitutional Commemoratives. The Howland Wood Senior Best of Show Award went to William F. Spengler for his exhibit on the "Sataman" System, South Asia's Oldest Coinage. The People's Choice Award went to Leon Hendrickson.

Fifty-year awards were presented to clubs and individuals, and a 75-year award went to the Boston Numismatic Society. See the convention program for complete listings.

A number of other awards were presented Saturday afternoon. The top member booster award went to David C. Harper, and the dealer booster award was given to James L. Miller. Bill Fivaz received the M. Vernon Sheldon A/V Award. Twenty-five-year individual and club membership awards were also presented. See the official convention program for a complete listing.

Medals of Merit were presented to Dorothy and Al Baber, Bill and Elizabeth Wisslead and Mary Brooks, and the award was given posthumously to Morris Bram.

The first-place Heath Literary Award was given to Dr.

T O D A Y

Bourse hours:
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Open to dealers with tables
at 8 a.m.

All events at Cincinnati Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

ANA

8 a.m. Worship service (Room 214).

8:30 a.m. Convention pre-registration and registration open (Elm Street lobby).

9 a.m. ANA business meeting No. 2 (Room 222). Exhibiting and judging seminar (Room 205).

10 a.m. Hospitality room opens to ANA members and spouses (Room 233). Exhibit area opens to the public (Elm Street entrance).

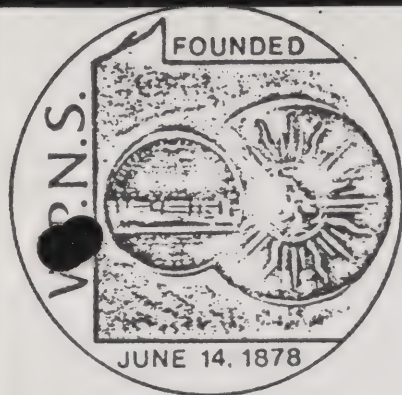
3 p.m. Exhibit area closes. Exhibitors may remove exhibits. Convention pre-registration and registration close.

4 p.m. Exhibit area must be vacated. Exhibits must be removed.

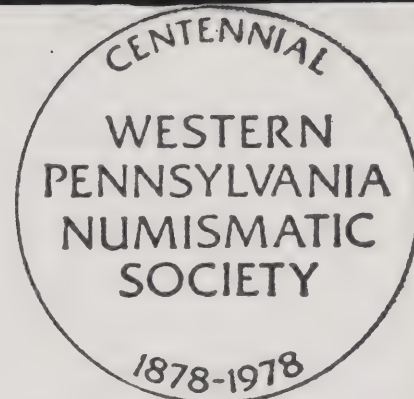
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4 p.m. Bourse must be vacated.

1 p.m. Monday. Security room closes.



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, July 5, 1988
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts at 8:15 P.M.
WHERE: Offices of Carnegie Group Inc.
Five PPG Place, Third Avenue and Market Street, Downtown
PROGRAM: Colonial Collectables, by Ray Rennick

We continue to have good attendance with fourteen members in attendance at the June Business Meeting.

*****OFFICERS*****

The following officers were elected for the 1988 fiscal year:

President: Armor Murdoch
Vice President: Wayne Homren
Secretary: Jerry Porter
Treasurer: John Burns
Curator: Dick Gaetano

*****MEMBERSHIP*****

A vote was taken on the membership of Harry Colborn and we welcome him as a new member of the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society. He will certainly be a positive addition to the group.

*****MEMBERSHIP CARDS*****

This month's newsletter includes 1988 membership cards.

*****A POEM*****

Continuing from last month, here are the 6th and last stanzas of the poem submitted by Emerson Smith:

And Ann, Georges Four,
And Fourth William all past,
God gave us Victoria,
Who long was the last

Next Edward VII,
And George V,
Now Edward VIII,
is the monarch alive.

*****COIN SHOWS*****

July 10; Belle Vernon Show, Holiday Inn, Route 51 & I. 70
July 8,9,10: Metro Washington Show, Sheraton Hotel, New Carrollton, Md.
July 14,16: Gettysburg Battlefield Coin Show, Holiday Inn, Bsns Rt. 15S.
July 20-24: ANA Convention, Cincinnati, Ohio convention center.
August 13-14: PAN Convention, Hilton Inn, Lackawanna Sta., Scranton, Pa.

Please address your reply to person signing letter.

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Founded June 1-1, 1878

REGISTER OF July, 195 MEETING

MEMBERS

GUESTS

Jerry Porter

Wesley Colburn

Our Gaetano

LE Hershey

Carry Grubbe

Richard F. Buckler

Edward A. Krumm

Harry W. Colborn

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Eileen K. Kelly

Ann Colucci

Glenn Otterman

Pat McBride

John H. Burns

Raz Rimmick

Robert Zuro

Minutes - WPNS Meeting - July 5, 88

The meeting was called to order by President
Arnor Murdoch at 8:15 PM - Minutes of the June
7th Meeting were read + approved.

Treasurers Report:

John Burns read the June Report.

~~What is~~ Balance = \$ ~~2672.24~~ 2753.93^{*}

Secretary Report - Read by Wayne Hornren - June Meeting
& approved.

Larry Dzurbek

Membership Committee - Introduced Harry Colborn as a
new member of the society. Harry talked about his
~~background~~ background + his interest in large cents.

Program Committee - Wayne Hornren

1988-89 - Slate of Programs - Working on.

Nov. - Dinner Meeting - Univ of Pgh - Maxine Burns
Univ of Pgh Medals + Memorabilia (Sam Deep)
- other possibility - Man to talk on Steven Foster
- also John Mercanti - Doubtful.

Looking at Top of the Triangle for Dinner

Publications Committee - President Murdoch is looking
for persons to head publications Comm. & publicity -

Request Dick Gattano to give Arnor list of all
materials in the archives.

Secretaries Correspondence -

- Bowers & Merina - Book List -

- Pan Medal
- ANA Education Awards
- Bylaws - Update periodically (every 5 years)

Deferred Blank pages in book -

Old Business - John Burns mentioned dues are due.

Jerry Porter mentioned that the Youngwood Coin Show is Sept 10, 11.
It was confirmed that Armo's picnic will be Sat. 9/10

Guest: Robert Zavos

New Business: Armo mentioned we should have a committee for the 1989 ANA (Internal) Reporter re ANA progress - Ed Krivoniak volunteered to head committee
Wayne Hornren mentioned

Security - Will cost the club \$23 ²⁷ for June + July

Wayne is checking on an alternative way.

Lost a member (Wayne) to admit members.

Wayne mentioned Bill Bailey - Previous member (1934)

Wants to reapply for membership

Wayne read membership application letter.

- Program - Program Chairman Wayne Hornren introduced Ray Rennie whose program is Colonial Collectables.

Ray began to talk at 8:55. He displayed a variety of coins & dated 1776 (Russian, English, etc.)

Also continental currency + colonial paper money

He also displayed a variety of newspapers from the

18TH Century. Ex. Pgh Gazette - 11/29/1794

- Exhibits - Wayne - T Shirt designs for ANA. (#750)
- Ted - Quiggins Book - Primitive Money
- The Coin Collector Journal (Vol II 1877)
- Group of Latin American Crowns (Pillan Dollars)
- Thailand - Bullet Money
- Englehart Silver Bar (Coin Exchange)
- Harry Colbon - Chinese Sovereign Medals Beijing Inst. Tech.
- Amor - Natl Capitol (1800-1950) Comm. Medal
150TH Anniversary of the establishment of the
seat of govt.
- Pirate Grapeshot pistol (to keep order)
John - Mentioned plated Chapman catalog at
Carnegie Library

- Ray -
Chud Eff - Token - McMahon Bros, Pgh, Pa.
Rich Buckley - Several Medals - Original Washington Medals
struck in France
- Early American Store Card Tokens
- Sale Material - Mott Token, etc.
Larry D. - Cardboard omnibus check from Camden N.J.
- Baggage Token F Parmelee
- Mirror - Pgh Bank for Savings
- Early British Coins & Civil War Tokens
Pat - Mentioned Purchase of Byzantine Gold Piece
- 1884 cc Silver dollar -
- Copies of Clarion

- Roger - PAN Silver Medal
 - Pedley Ryan Dollar (so called)
 - Phila Chmratown Centennial Medal
 Rich Crosby - Collection of Political Campaign Buttons
 Dick Gaetano - Ticket for the school childrens picnic @
 Luna Park - (Center + Craig)
 Ed K. - Walter Breen - Envy. of U. S. & Colonial Coins.
 - Medals commemorating engravers
 - Cachet (Private firm @ ANA)
 - Misc Am. & Foreign Coins

Aug Meeting - Wayne - Civil War Store Cards -
 Hornren

Meeting adjourned @ 9:50 by ^{Motion} John Burn.
 Seconded by Chuck Erb.

* Addendum: Treasurers corrected balance
 \$ 2728⁹³

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Attorney-at-Law
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1506 Berger Building
Court 1820

THE KINGS AND QUEENS OF ENGLAND

First William the Norman,
then William his son,
Henry, Stephen and Henry,
and Richard and John.

Next Henry the third,
Edwards one, two and three.
Again after Richard,
three Henrys we see.

Two Edwards, third Richard,
if I rightly guess.
Two Henrys, sixth Edward,
Queen Mary, Queen Bess.

Then Jamie the Scotchman,
and Charles whom they slew,
Received after Cromwell,
another Charles too.

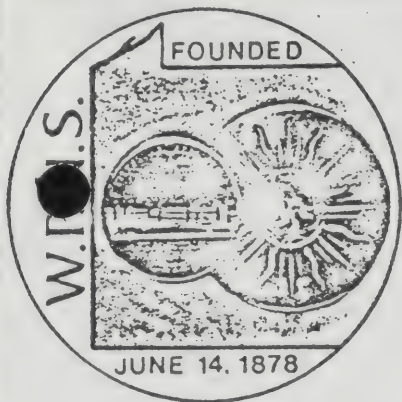
Then James the second
ascended the throne.
And William and Mary together
came on.

And Ann, Georges four,
and fourth William all past,
God gave us Victoria
who long was the last.

Next Edward the seventh,
and George number five.
Now Edward the eighth
is the monarch alive.

Note:---

The foregoing is an old poem of unknown origin with the last stanza only revised.



Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society



DATE: Tuesday, June 7, 1988
TIME: 7:30 P.M. Meeting starts 8:15 P.M.
WHERE: Offices of Carnegie Group Inc,
Five PPG Place, Third Avenue and Market Street, Downtown
PROGRAM: Annual Business Meeting

Our good attendance record continued in May. Sixteen members and four guests were on hand to hear Jerry Porter's illustrated talk on "Mexican Revolutionary Coinage and Paper Money, 1910-1917."

Please note the following ground rules for entering the PPG 5 building: a guard will be posted in the lobby to admit members and guests from 7:15 to 8:15 pm. Latecomers must go to the guard desk in the lobby of the main tower (PPG 1), and a guard will let them in. Take the elevator to the sixth (top) floor.

***** ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING *****

June is our annual business meeting. Outgoing officers will present their reports, and a new slate of officers will be elected.

AUDITING COMMITTEE: At the May meeting an auditing committee consisting of Jerry Porter and Pat McBride was named.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The membership committee of Larry Dziubek, John Burns, and Glenn Otterman has referred the application of *Harry Colborn* to the membership. A vote will be taken at the June meeting.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: A Nominating Committee was also formed. It consists of present and former presidents Richard Crosby, Chuck Erb, and Larry Korchnak. The committee has nominated the following slate of officers for the upcoming fiscal year:

President: *Armor Murdoch*
Vice-President: *Wayne Homren*
Secretary: *Jerry Porter*
Treasurer: *John Burns*
Curator: *Dick Gaetano*

***** RESEARCH HELP SOUGHT *****

Past President Chuck Erb is working on a research project concerning the counterstamped 1815 and 1825/3 Bust Quarters (done at the Mint). The counterstamp appears on the obverse above the cap. There are letters "E" & "L", and it is reported there was also "R", "M", or "H". He is researching all past auction catalogs or price lists from 1850 to 1985 that may have listed these counterstamped pieces. He would like the name and date of the catalog or list, lot number, coin date, grade, and counterstamp letter. He would appreciate any member having old catalogs or price lists to check to see if any are listed. For further information call Chuck at 364-8488.

***** A POEM *****

Continuing from last month, here are the 3rd through 5th stanzas of the poem submitted by Emerson Smith. It's titled "The Kings and Queens of England", and is a useful way to remember their names and order of reign.

Two Edwards, third Richard, if I rightly guess.	Then Jamie the Scotchman, and Charles whom they slew,	Then James the Second, ascended the throne
Two Henrys, sixth Edward, Queen Mary, Queen Bess.	Received after Cromwell, another Charles too.	And William and Mary together came on.

***** COIN SHOWS *****

June 11-12: Altoona Coin Club Show, Logan valley Mall, Rt 220, Altoona PA.
June 12: Antique and Collectible Fair, Castle Shannon Fire Hall, Rt 88
June 24-26: Garden State Numismatic Assoc. Conv., Hyatt, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ
June 25-26: New Jersey Token/Medal Show, Hyatt, Rt. 70, Cherry Hill, NJ
August 13-14: PAN Convention, Hilton Inn, Lackawanna Station, Scranton, PA

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA NUMISMATIC SOCIETY

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APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

(Please Print)

I hereby apply for membership in the Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society, and agree if elected to abide by the Society's rules and by-laws.

Name HARRY W. COLBORN

Address 3809 HICKORY HILL RD

MURRYSVILLE PA Phone 733-2796

Business Retired 15668 Position _____

Business Address _____

Age 66. I have been interested in numismatics for 20 years, and my present field of interest is large cents

I am now a member of the following numismatic or other avocational organizations (Name in full) Early American Coppers, Penna
Assn of Numismatists, A.N.A.

The sum of \$ 3⁰⁰ is attached, covering initiation fee and dues for 19__-19__.

Date 4/1 1988

Harry W. Colborn
(Signature of Applicant)

FOR USE OF THE
MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

As a member in good standing of the W. P. N. S., I endorse the above applicant for membership and enclose herewith a letter of recommendation.

Wayne K. Horner
(Signature of Sponsor)

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society
Informational Questionnaire for
Consideration of New Members

1. According to your membership application, you listed your area of expertise as large cents.
What is the most significant characteristic associated with this collecting specialty?
The large number of varieties within any year, and the reasons for some of them, e.g., die breaks.
2. Give an example of the type of program or programs that you feel you could present at a WPNS meeting.
Possibly an overall look at large cents - or on attribution of late date cents.
3. Do you plan to take an active role in the WPNS by attending meetings regularly? *Yes*
4. Why are you interested in joining the WPNS?
Acquiring a broader knowledge of other aspects of numismatics.
5. What constructive comments could you make concerning improving the organization?
Too soon for me to make any comments.
6. Prior to your final consideration as a candidate for membership in the WPNS, is there anything that you wish to add that might enhance the prospect of your acceptance to the society? If so, please indicate.
I don't hear much about early copper. Perhaps my presence might bring about more interest in that area.

HW Colborn

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April 5, 1988

Western Pennsylvania
Numismatic Society

Gentlemen:

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Harry was born near Pittsburgh, worked many years in New Jersey and recently retired to Murrys ville. Harry read about WPNS in the numismatic press, and has regularly attended meetings since his first visit in January. He joined PAN (Pennsylvania Association of Numismatists), and has been a regular at the meetings of Western PAN.

I believe Harry would make a fine new addition to our Society, continuing our longstanding tradition of numismatic excellence. I hereby nominate Harry Colburn for membership in WPNS.

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Founded June 1-1, 1878

REGISTER OF JUNE 7., 19' 88 MEETING

MEMBERS

Wayne K. Hornum

Dick Buckley.

Charles W. Erb

Wick Gaetano

John H. Burns

Larry Gribble

Alfred Hermann, Jr.

Richard L. Perry

John Nelson

Ed. Ruonala

Armer M. Muddock

Robert Harrison

P. H. 12/12

Jerry Porter

GUESTS

Minutes - WPA's Meeting of June 7, 1988

The June meeting was called to order at 8:25 PM by President Richard Crosby. The minutes of the May meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT \$ 2677.84 was the current balance as reported by John Bowers.

ANA PLANNING Ed Kivonich described his tours of the city with ANA Representative Pat Yates. Plans are in the works for several city tours.

ENCASED BOOK Rich Crosby reported that an order for one copy was received from the University of Wisconsin. Due to the rise in postal rates Rich suggested raising our price. No motion was made, as the current price still stands.

RESEARCH PROJECT Chuck Erb describes his current research project concerning counterstamped 1815 and 1825/3 Bust Quarters.

EDUCATIONAL CERTIFICATES Secty. Hansen will write to the ANA requesting Educational Certificates for this year.

MEMBERSHIP Larry Dziubak described the application of Harry Colborn, a large cent collector, and member of EAC. The committee recommended Harry for membership. A vote was taken and the results were unanimous in favor.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Wayne Homen read the Secretary's report, and John Burns read his Treasurer's report, and Richard Crosby read the President's report. Copies are attached to these minutes.

* ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Richard Crosby read the Nominating Committee's recommended slate of officers. No new nominations were received from the floor. Secretary Homen made a motion that the slate be elected unanimously. The motion was seconded by Chuck Erb. Next year's officers are.

President	Arnor Murdoch
VP:	Wayne Homen
Secretary	Jerry Porter
Treasurer	John Burns
Curator	Dick Gietano

THANKS Chuck Erb thanked Wayne Homen for his work as Secretary; Arnor Murdoch thanked Rich Crosby for his service as President.

AUDITING COMMITTEE The auditing committee reported its approval of John Burns' yearly Treasurer's report.

PICNIC Arnor Murdoch volunteered to host this year's picnic again at his cottage in Ridgeview (Derry, PA)

SOCIETY MEETING Wayne Horner made a motion to consider the Top of the Triangle restaurant for our annual meeting, since ~~this would be the~~ our 100th anniversary meeting was held there ten years ago in 1978. Dick Buckley suggested asking John Mercanti to speak, since he will be designing the 1989 Pittsburgh A.N.A. Medal.

EXHIBITS

John Burns Two Colonial pieces: Connecticut Half Pence, Virginia Half-Penny

Dick Buckley Several coins of the Indian States, a group of ancient Roman and Greek coins

Rodge Hershey Lifesaving Award medal, American occupation of Vera Cruz, Mexico piece; Galveston Flood piece

ED KRIVONIAK a group of U.S. Coins; copy of Legacy, the Heritage house organ.

JERRY PORTER a collection of Guatemalan 4-reales

JOHN NELSON 3 Champion Paper Company tokens, plus a letter from the company patent attorney describing the history of the company and the pieces.

RICH CROSBY two books: Lincoln, Old Andrew Jackson, a bank from the Allegheny Trust Co, a bank from the Union Baptist Church in ~~Colt~~ Connellsville, PA oval key-check, good-for token from Federal St. four other Pittsburgh tokens

Wayne Hamren countersigned Hard Times Token
(S.C. Kingman), set of 1907 Clearing House
scrip from First Natl Bank of Pgh, PA, price
list of Copper Coins of the U.S. by Albert Frey
and Ed Frossard

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 P.M.

W.P.N.S. PRESIDENTS REPORT JUNE 1988

Dear Members of the Society:

1987-88 has been a very eventful year of our Society. It has shown great progress in the following areas: Attendance, treasury and programs.

Membership - included the following:

1. Eileen Kelly
2. Ted Schiff

The members who are no long among our ranks and will not be forgotten by us.

1. Dr James O. Sloss
2. Gifford Kelly

Membership certificates and membership cards were presented to all current members at the annual banquet held at Wright's.

A.N.A - 1989 Convention The WPNS is to be one of the co-sponsors of this event. Much planning and club support is needed for the convention to be successful.

WPNS Encased Cent Book has finally become a reality thanks to Bill Hunter, Dick Galano and others.

WPNS migrated from the Station Square facilities of the Carnegie Group to PPG Center, again many thanks must be given to them.

In closing I would like to thank the membership and especially my fellow officers for their dedication and support. Special note to Wayne Hameran for the excellent job he has performed as secretary for the past two years.

All good things must come to a close and I'm sure that the new officers will prove very capable in their duties.

Thanks for letting me serve you the past two years.

Richard J. Crosby
President
June 7, 1988

Western Pennsylvania Numismatic Society

Secretary's Report

June, 1988

This year was another active one for WPNS. When our host Carnegie Group moved from Station Square to PPG Place, WPNS followed. Since February, 1988, we have have met in a 6th floor conference room in Five PPG Place.

Meeting attendance has continued to increase. Our high-water mark was in July, when twenty members and six guests heard Ray Rennick's talk on "Our Numismatic Friends." After all, "Numismatic Friends" are what this Society is all about.

Two of our guests became members this year: Eileen Kelly and Ted Shiff. Our average attendance for the year was about 17 members and 3 guests. This year's average was about three more than last year.

There was also good attendance at our special meetings this year. In September '87 eighteen people picniced at Armor Murdoch's cottage in Derry, PA. In November, thirty members and guests attended our Social Meeting at Wright's Seafood Inn in Heidelberg, PA.

Our set of programs this year was as diverse as ever, reflecting the wide-ranging interests of our members. Several talks were accompanied by written articles, continuing our longstanding WPNS tradition of scholarship.

The full list of this year's programs follows:

July: "Our Numismatic Friends", by Ray Rennick
August: "The Carnegie Museum Coin Collection", by Bill Hunter
October: "The Year 1935 Historically and Numismatically", Dick Buckley
November: "The Pennsylvania Canal", by Frank Kurtic (guest speaker)
December: "Numismatic Periodicals and Fixed Price Lists", John Burns
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Some minor improvements were made in our system for mailing the newsletters. Computer-generated mailing labels are still being used, and a rubber return-address stamp was acquired.

Having been Secretary for the past two years, I have seen our Society progress greatly. Our membership has grown, and despite our occasional differences of opinion we remain steadfast in our dedication to numismatic scholarship and fellowship.

I regret that other demands on my time will prevent me from continuing as Secretary. I'll work with my successor to ensure as smooth a transfer as possible. I'm looking forward to another successful year

with my numismatic friends of WPNS.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wayne K. Homren

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You're invited to a

NUMISMATIC
PARTY

AT: WAYNE HOMREN'S HOUSE

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 25th

TIME: 7:30 PM

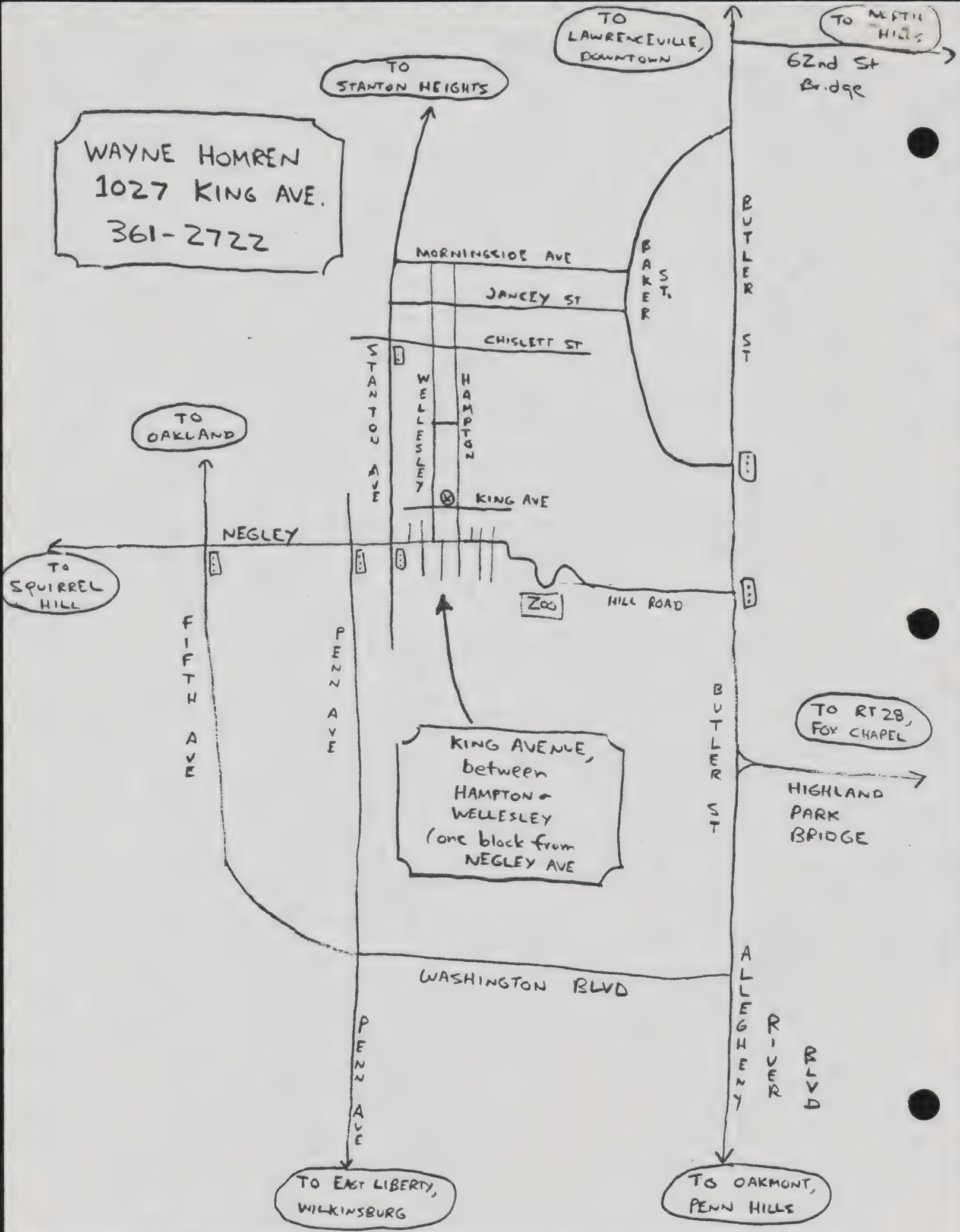
WHERE: 1027 KING AVE, in HIGHLAND PARK

→ Rain or Shine ←

All the members of my local clubs
(plus their guests) are invited. Drinks and
snacks will be available. Additional drinks or
hors d'oeuvres welcome.

Hope you can make it! - Wayne

WAYNE HOMREN
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July 5, 1988

Ken Bressett
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Dear Ken:

As the outgoing Secretary of WPNS, my final official act is to request ANA Educational certificates for our members who have given presentations at meetings during my tenure. I apologize for not having requested these on a regular basis; I find myself now catching up on two years' worth of programs.

The list of titles and presenters follows. Since it's a long list, I'll understand if it takes some time to receive our certificates. Thank you for your time.

July 1, 86: "News Notes from the Numismatic Cellar", Glenn Mooney.

August 5, 86: "The John Beck Estate", Emerson Smith

September 2, 86: "The History and Collecting of Checks", Wayne Homren

October 7, 86: "English Enameled Coins", Richard Crosby

December 2, 86: "Sales Tax Tokens", Dick Gaetano

January 6, 87: "British East Africa", Ed Krivoniak

February 3, 87: "The Pennsylvania Turnpike", Rodger Hershey

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To the WPNS Membership:

This letter concerns the membership application of William L. Bailey. Bill is a collector of U.S. Cents, both large and small. He began collecting in 1922, and was first elected to WPNS membership in 1934, and attended meetings for a number of years. In those days Bill became acquainted with many of our Society's prominent members, including George Marlier and founding member George Clapp.

World War II and personal matters kept Bill from remaining active in the Society. His interest in numismatics has recently been rekindled, and he would like to rejoin WPNS. Our bylaws state that members who are inactive for a period of more than five years must reapply to the Society as a new member. I would like to recommend that the Society vote to reinstate Bill Bailey into WPNS membership.

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